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WASHINGTON, Sunday March 3, 1867.

Mr. HULBURD, from the Committee on Public Expenditures, made the following report:

REPORT:

The Committee on Public Expenditures, in accordance with the resolution of the House, specially directing an investigation into frauds alleged in connection with the New-York Custom-house, and in the exercise of the general powers and prerogatives of said Committee, herewith submit this report and the accompanying evidence, as follows:

The Committee have taken a large amount of testimony in exposition of the alleged abuses, frauds and wrongs which are fast becoming in New-York, and doubtless quite too generally elsewhere, the chronic and adhesive incidents of the United States revenue service. Some abuses are no doubt inseparable from the collection of customs, under any system yet devised and however administered; consequently some, by reason of immemorial usage, seem to have acquired a tolerated recognition, while others, under the looseness and demoralization attendant upon a condition of war, have sprung at once into a lusty maturity.

The abuses of the revenue seizure system, formidable and manifold, in any view, have crystalized into legalized extortion. Recently extensive foreign interests have become so enmeshed therewith, that it is not improbable our Government, through its diplomatic ear, will be constrained to take some notice of the ways and the wiles of men who, under various guises and pretences, are enacting most discreditable parts in the various marts of western Europe. But as this feature of the investigation occupied considerable time, so will the briefest consideration of it demand so much, it may be well to first present, and if possible so expose as to arrest an abuse which only dates back to the induction of Mr. HENRY A. SMYTHE into the office of Collector of the Port of New-York, early in the Summer of 1866.

From March, 1799, when our revenue system began to have a definite form, up to August, 1846, Government had but one public store for the safe keeping of "unclaimed goods." Previous to 1846, all duties were required to be paid in cash at the time of importation, and the "unclaimed goods" could not be taken out of the one "public store" except on payment of duties in cash.

The act of August 6, 1846, inaugurated in this country what is known as the Warehousing System. From that period to 1854, Government furnished stores for unclaimed and bonded goods.

The act of 1846 authorized the warehousing of merchandise in Government stores upon a bond for double the amount of the estimated duties, which duties were not required to be paid until the goods were withdrawn for consumption. The supplying of these stores, and the expenses incidental thereto, together with the rapid enlargement of imports, caused extortionate rents to be demanded, or assumed by Collectors to be demanded—to be rid of all which Government by the act of March 26, 1854, extended "the warehousing system to private warehouses." The proprietors of such warehouses were required to obtain the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, and to give the Government bonds for the safe keeping of the goods. Thereafter Government ceased to lease or use public stores for warehousing purposes.

By a regulation, all goods unclaimed by the owner or consignee at the expiration of the period allowed by law for the discharge of the vessel in which the same may have been imported, are, in virtue of a general order issued by the Collector, sent to a store approved for that purpose—which store in consequence is designated "General Order Store." No goods can be taken from such store or bonded warehouse until all charges due the warehouse proprietor have been paid. These charges consist of the cartage of goods from vessel to general order store, and storage of, and labor upon, said goods, and it is specially prescribed that these charges "shall not exceed in any case the regular rates for like merchandise at the port of importation." In the port of New-York the allowable rates of storage and labor are fixed by the Chamber of Commerce. In case any "dispute arise as to the correctness of the charges, the decision of the President of the Chamber of Commerce, or if there be no such officer, the decision of the Collector or chief revenue officer of the port is binding on all parties."

All merchandise arriving from foreign ports is in peril of being sent under general orders. That arises from a variety of causes, the necessity of dispatch in discharging the vessel, not allowing the merchant time to procure his permits, discrepancies between marks and numbers on the Custom-house permits, and those on the case or packages containing the goods; sometimes the non-arrival of invoices and bills of lading, prevents the granting of permits. It is scarcely possible to approximate an average proportion of the imports which in the course of a year go under general order. Steamers now enjoy the bulk of the valuable carrying trade, and it is estimated that full a third of their cargoes are subjected to general order. Sailing vessels which are chiefly employed in the transport of heavy freights, do not send them so largely proportion. Perhaps a more accurate idea of the probable extent of this business may be arrived at by an examination of the following table, prepared for the Committee's use by the Bureau of Statistics:

Table exhibiting the value of merchandize imported into the District of New-York during the fiscal years 1862, 1863, 1864, 1865 and 1866, and the duty on merchandise collected during the same periods:

Years.	Imports. Value of Merchandise.	Duty on Merchandise Collected.
1862	$142,215,636	$34,529,146 42
1863	177,254,415	48,636 6.8 63
1864	229,506,499	72,400,625 75
1865	154,130,409	37,292,013 76
1866	302,505,819	131 825 141 36
Total	$1,005,621,778	$342,688,056 97

It is thus seen that the business of general order, storage and cartage incident thereto must necessarily be large, and consequently at the proper and legitimate rates fixed, after years of experience, should be proportionately remunerative. The very nature of the business, and the requirement that "all charges" must be paid before delivery, prevents a close scrutiny into the correctness of these manifold charges, so no notice would be taken of a small excess. Even a considerable excess might be "passed" by the polite merchant who for various reasons of convenience, dispatch, &c., desires the good will of the warehouse man. Thus, little by little, these charges by constant unlawful accretions, in the period of a year might aggregate a very considerable amount from each importer. It will be seen this is by no means a contingent supposition.

The magnitude of the General Order business and of its legitimate returns, the facile opportunity its itemized nature admits, the constant absorption of small unlawful additions thereto, conspire to render the concession or lease eagerly sought after, as, in broker's phrase, capable of being made a good thing.

It is evident from the testimony that Mr. Smythe early gauged the appreciable value and commercial use he could make by the disposal of the General Order business, declaring, as he did, the very first days of his official life, to Mr. Barr (a witness) and others, "the North River General Order business is the big plum for the Collector." It is also rendered quite probable that before his confirmation by the Senate, possibly before his nomination even, he had "agreed" with, and in behalf of certain persons, that they should be pecuniarily benefitted by the allotment or concession of the plum business. While Mr. Smythe declined informing the Committee who those persons were, he was less reticent as to the division of the valuation or price he had fixed upon the general order business. Other witnesses were more communicative, and the aid of their testimony, and of a proven memorandum, the Committee were enabled to learn, with tolerable precision, the names of these intended beneficiaries, and the sums they were respectively to receive.

From Mr. Smythe's cotemporaneous declarations, his own sworn admissions before the Committee, and the testimony of Peter A. Van Bergen, it seems the Collector's first known attempt to "place" the general order, was by negotiating with Van Bergen & Co., immediately on taking the office. The unique partnership of this firm may have originated in Washington before Mr. Smythe's nomination, possibly it was enlarged before that nomination was acted upon in the Senate. Whatever the place or time of its origin may have been, there is a tolerable certainty that Van Bergen, George F. Thomson, Senators Doolittle and Patterson, and a "Mrs. Perry," had unequal interests in its effective operation. It is quite likely this arrangement was expected to be the fulfillment of Mr. Smythe's oracular saying that the parties in Washington of large influence and great expectations" must be taken care of.

When Mr. Smythe came into office, Messrs. Humphrey & Co. were in the unpurchased enjoyment of the general order business; its management by that firm caused no friction or antagonism betwixt them and merchants, or with the Collector.

Possessing unexpired leases of warehouses rented expressly for that purpose, they naturally desired to retain a fair share, if not all, of the business. In furtherance of this desire, Mr. James Humphrey, partner of the firm of Humphrey & Co., and at that time member of Congress from the Brooklyn district, early called upon Collector Smythe to solicit a continuance with his house of the general order business.

He was informed by Mr. Smythe that Mr. George F. Thomson, who in negotiations represented Van Bergen & Co., must have the lion's part, or three of the four shares; that Humphrey & Co. could, and must have Van Bergen & Co., have one share of North River and all of East River; but that in such event Humphrey & Co. must "take care of two friends of the President;" that the Collector must have $3,000 from the cartage business, "for a political fund." Mr. Humphrey at once communicated with his partners; one of them wrote out on a slip of paper the terms as follows:

"North River, Thompson 3 shares, H. & Co. 1 share.

East River, H. & Co., who are to take care of the 2 friends of the President.

Cartage, $3,000 for political fund."

Mr. Humphrey, after consultation with his partners, returned to Mr. Smythe and handing him the memorandum slip, asked if that was the proposition. Mr. Smythe, after pencilling opposite the words and figures "Thomson 3 shares," the letters "V. B. & Co.," assented. On being asked by Mr. Humphrey if, under the circumstances and requirements, Humphrey & Co. could not be allowed a larger proportion of the general order, Mr. Smythe replied no, for he had got to pay out of it $20,000. He then proceeded to pencil on the back of the memorandum slip the distribution of it, in words and figures as follows:

Mrs. Perry, $3,000; Brown, $2,000; Political, $5,000.$10,000
$4,000.....$18,000

Total.....$20,000

This original slip was exhibited, and identified and explained to the Committee by one of the surviving partners of the firm of Humphrey & Co. The pencilled letters, names and figures on the face and back of the slip, were proven to be the undoubted autographic characteristics of Mr. Smythe, by S. G. Ogden, Auditor of the New-York Custom-house. Ogden declares "$5,000," represented respective amounts destined for the "two friends of the President." Abundant testimony other than the declarations of the now deceased Mr. Humphrey to that effect, conclusively shows Messrs. Doolittle and Patterson to have been the "friends."

At a later and last interview of Mr. Humphrey with the Collector on the same or following day with the foregoing, he informed Mr. Humphrey that he had sold the whole general order business to Messrs. Miller & Conger "for the round sum of $40,000 per annum." On Mr. Humphrey's remonstrance against being treated and trifled with in that manner, Mr. Smythe offered him a gratuity of $8,000, out of the "round $40,000."

Those who knew Mr. Humphrey when living can well believe his representations of these interviews and his indignant rejection of the last proffer. Had all this been known at the time of his death, the announcement of it in the Collector's ante-room, in the presence of Messrs. Thompson, Embree, and others, surely would not have, unrebuked, called out the unfeeling remark "that there was one less to divide with."

The contemplated distribution under this $40,000 arrangement appears from Mr. Smythe's and other testimony, to have been a little more explicit and exhaustive. It was as follows:

Geo. F. Thompson, late of the *Daily News*.....	$5,000
Senators Doolittle and Patterson, $5,000 each.....	10,000
Embree, Deputy Collector.....	2,000
Humphrey "was not to have rejected.....	3,000
Brown, Private Secretary of the Collector—rejected by him.....	2,000
Political Fund.....	10,000
Mrs. Perry," known as "a Washington woman," Van Bergen, to have some unknown share, say...	4,000
This makes up the $40,000 so as to correspond technically with Mr. Smythe's oft repeated observation that "he was not to have a dollar of it." This showing, however, left him sole almoner of the $10,000 political fund."	

The Miller & Conger arrangement fell through, as was commonly supposed, in consequence of their inability to bond suitable warehouses for doing general order business.

Just here a new negotiator and operator intervenes. E. C. Johnson, a warehouse and general order man of some experience, if to be believed, on hearing of the $40,000 arrangement, went to Mr. Smythe and offered him $50,000 per annum for the whole general order business, knowing, to use his own expressive phrase, "it would knock that arrangement into a cocked hat." And his expectation was not disappointed.

It is true when before the Committee Mr. Johnson did not recall to mind this additional decimal thousand inducement of his to break up the Miller & Conger arrangement. In fact he could not recall even the cocked hat illustration, though it was abundantly proved to have been his favorite and frequent phrase when speaking of his agency in the transaction. It was, however, made quite manifest to the Committee that this was not the only instance where, to serve friends of Mr. Johnson exhibited a very irregular and defective, or a very treacherous memory. The perusal of his testimony will not only repay the time expended, but satisfy the most superficial humanitarian that, under certain surroundings, man, in the abstract of the individual, and in the concrete of society, is a strange, complex being.

Mr. Johnson's offer was accepted, and, assuring the Collector that Thomson managed the Miller & Conger affair badly, he would conduct it "with a view of avoiding any unpleasant consequences from an investigating committee."

When reminded that such sale and purchase might be deemed a misdemeanor under the Act of March 3, 1863, he replied, "Nobody would know anything about it." When assured by persons of larger and later experience that the general order business of the whole City of New-York, "fairly and squarely conducted," would not pay a profit of $50,000 a year, he cheerfully pocketed his loss.

That was no less than systematized and protected extortion. To be effected in this wise: raise much higher than ever before paid, the rates and charges for storage, labor, cartage, &c.; expressing his belief that thus the business might be made to yield an annual profit of $100,000. He further declared if the importers complained and appealed to the Collector, he would not reduce the rates but would protect and sustain the lessees who had the general order business.

On such a basis and with such inducements Johnson attempted to sell Messrs. Bixby & Co. a part of the business.

They declined all negotiations, on such expectations, declaring they did not believe the Collector, directly or indirectly, could be privy to and uphold such contemplated patronage and such an organized plan for deliberate, outrageous exactions.

However, under all the preceding and attending and subsequent circumstances, it is impossible to resist the belief that Mr. Smythe could not, certainly long, have continued in ignorance of the use this intermediary and embassador of extortion was making of his official name and position.

In saying this the Committee are well aware of the consequence that ought instantly to follow. Certainly justice, outraged right, the protection of trade, a decent respect even for official propriety, ought to insure a prompt disseverance of Government connection and official complicity with such concerted robberies. "Good antecedents" shrivel and wither in the presence of such bold developments. "Good standing, on change," or in "bank parlors," is of small account to gloss over the wickedness of such proposed enormities. And the Committee feel constrained to say, in justice to themselves, to the pillaged merchants, to honest high-minded officials throughout our land, to allow the inauguration of such piscarous proposals and proceedings to continue, "sitting at the receipt of custom" must inevitably degrade manhood generally and essentially, if not entirely, demoralize all the subordinate bureaus and branches of public service connected therewith.

It would seem, for some reason, that the fifty thousand arrangement was modified as follows: Thirty-five per cent. of the gross proceeds of the storage feature of general order business was to be accounted for and paid thus: Thirty per cent. of it to the Collector, and five per cent. to Johnson, for his manipulation of the business and his assumed influence with Mr. Smythe in sustaining the lessees of the general order against appeals from the importers. Thereupon Johnson proceeded to farm out the business, Edwards, Atkins & Co. receiving a part of North River, E. C. Johnson & Co. retaining the remainder of North River and a part of East River; Messrs. Miller & Conger had another part of East River, &c.

It is in proof that all the lessees paid on the thirty-five per cent. basis to Johnson, "the bag-bearer" of this fund, from about Aug. 1, 1866, to Dec. 1, 1866, when a new and last, thus far, deal took place.

On the 4th of August, 1866, Messrs. Bixby & Co. and Messrs. Squires & Co., whose warehouses had previously stored general order goods, proposed in writing, if the business was continued with them, to pay into the United States Treasury $15,000 a year; if moral or legal objections existed to contracting the disposal of such official patronage, they would allow an annual rebate of that amount in favor of the merchants from the usual and legal charges, upon which basis only they proposed to receive and do the business.

To this Mr. SMYTHE on the same day replied: "Had it reached me before the matter was disposed of, it would have been considered. The same result, however, so far as the merchants are interested, will, I trust, be reached under the new arrangement."

Was the Collector sincere in this reply? If so, why was the $15,000-proposition lost sight of in the last fixing up of this business? If on his files, it could not have well been overlooked or forgotten.

But the Collector said the same result, $15,000 into the Treasury, or off from the merchants, and "legal rates and charges," would be reached by the Johnson arrangement. How he kept that promise will be seen by the following bills:

Landman & Kemp had twenty cases of quinine in Johnson's warehouse, the legal rates and figures on which would be as follows:

20 cases, storage, 10c. each.....	$2 00
20 cases, labor, 10c. each.....	2 00
20 cases, cartage.....	1 32
Total.....	$5 32

The bill rendered was as follows:

20 cases, storage 50c. each.....	$10 00
20 cases, labor, 50c. each.....	10 00
20 cases, cartage, 50c. each.....	10 00
Total.....	$30 00

These cases weighed 80 pounds each, total 1,600 pounds. A legal cart-load is 1,200 pounds. The legal price per distance, in this particular instance, was 66 cents per load. It was testified before the Committee that bills of such "make up" could be multiplied almost *ad infinitum*.

Notwithstanding the rendition and payment of such bills, Mr. Smythe soon became dissatisfied with the small returns of the thirty-five per cent. arrangement, and sought again to avail himself of George F. Thomson's assistance. In November, an offer of $20,000 per annum was suggested through him, for the business. He thought so small a sum was too much of a come-down from $40,000, and would not be accepted. Twenty-five thousand dollars were offered; Thomson said it would not do; the Collector must have $2,000 per month in advance, and he (Thomson) must have $5,000 a year himself.

This was the condition of things when the Congressional Committee on Retrenchment and Reform was in session in New-York. On the 1st of December, 1866, the general order business of the whole City was turned over to Myers & Smith. The conditions of this transfer were not made apparent in the Committee-room, except that Thomson was to have $5,000 more or less for services, for some undefined outside services he had rendered or was expected to render. It is to be noticed that the several parties in interest swear no valuable consideration, or pecuniary inducement, past, present, in expectancy or in promise, entered into the Myers and Smith arrangement, to benefit the Collector, or any body in his behalf, or other person whatever. But Messrs. Miller & Conger, who still retained for some weeks after, part of the general order, were required and did pay to Myers & Smith, on the 35 per cent. basis, as aforetime. It would also seem that E. C. Johnson & Co. did likewise. Who had that 35 per cent. money? Did Mr. Smythe give his levy to Myers & Smith? Mr. Smythe swears he has never, directly or indirectly, received anything from them, and never expects to. Nay, under the solemnity of an oath, he declares he gave to them all that business for nothing—for nothing, that he might escape personal annoyance, and that the merchants might have justice in the premises—for nothing, when he had been told it was worth $50,000—when based upon it he had parceled out shares or sums amounting to $40,000 per annum; had received, through his accredited agent-broker, more or less of the 30 per cent. drippings; had refused $25,000, as too small a sum; notwithstanding all which, he had magnanimously bestowed the working of this place upon Myers & Smith, without fee or reward, or stipulation or solicitation or motive, other than personal convenience and desire that justice should be done to the merchants of New-York.

It is more in accordance with previous declarations and arrangements, to believe things and oaths had been so prearranged that it was hoped and expected, as was half proved to have been boasted, that this time no dead Congressional Investigating Committee could get hold of the arrangement.

Certain it is, however, there were some misgivings as to whether all was working satisfactorily and and would "hold tight," judging from a little outcropping. On a Friday Mr. Smith authorized the Committee on Public Expenditures to investigate Custom-house matters, &c. Saturday's papers announced that the Committee would be in New-York for that purpose the following Monday. In one or two of the intervening Sunday papers appeared the following advertisement:

GENERAL ORDER GOODS.

The undersigned, having from the 1st of December charge of merchandise delivered on the general order, and knowing that serious complaints have heretofore been made in reference to overcharges for storage, &c., are desirous of informing the owners of the same that in order to meet their views, and to prevent the renewal of complaints, we shall, by the direction of the Collector of the port, reduce the charges on such goods to a satisfactory basis, and in case any complaint, we invite the immediate presentation of the same to us.

MYERS & SMITH, office No. 307 Greenwich-st.

During the early sessions of the Committee there, no complaints were made of over charges. Soon after the Committee returned to Albany, finally to Washington, as was supposed, such bills as the following began to be made up: C. Gantier had 150 cases of wine under general order with Myers & Smith, for which they rendered an account of $62; the legal rates and charges could have been but $21 64. In another instance, storage, &c., on forty barrels of flocks or waste, was charged by Myers & Smith at $80, while the legal charges could only be $49 60.

By recurring to a tabular statement in F. M. Bixby's testimony, it will be seen how such charges are made to swell sometimes to a thousand per cent. over legitimate rates.

As a consequence of high rates, had safe and convenient warehouses for doing general order business been assured to shippers and merchants, though affording no justification, there might have been a show of palliation. But no such advantage followed. The principal warehouse employed by Myers & Smith for doing general order business is situated at the foot of a Bank-street, on the extreme west side of the City, and is fully two miles up town, and away from where shippers and importers do mostly congregate. Superadded to all the additional expense caused thereby, loss of time in carting goods to and from, exposure more or less to the weather of valuable cases of merchandize, is the absolute insecurity of the goods while in the vicinity of the warehouse—carters testifying that they dared not dray goods there late in the day, from apprehensions of individual and concerted pillage. The numerous piles of combustible lumber that constitute lumber-yards add yet another peril and objection to this out-of-the way warehouse.

It may be asked at whose behoof and for whose benefit now are all these exactions and jeopardies?

The Collector, through his subordinates, has the sole right of directing to whose and what warehouse general order merchandise shall go. Mr. Smythe early announced that he regarded the selling of that direction a personal perquisite of the Collector. To ascertain whether such was usage at the port of New-York, the Committee called before them, or directly communicated with all the living Ex-Collectors, and each declared they had no knowledge or belief that, or any other Government patronage dependent upon the Collectorship, had been sold or offered for sale during their respective administrations of that office. To this effect the testimony of Messrs. Schell and Barney, and the subjoined note of Mr. Redfield, are most explicit and emphatic.

Mr. Smythe, as appears, took a different view and course. He had "agreed," he had placed himself "under obligations," &c. To whom? If he is to be held credible and responsible, judging from his own statements, "he agreed to give, or was going to give out of the general order business, to persons in Washington, some $5,000 to Robert Johnson, the President's son; $5,000 to Mr. or Mrs. Patterson; $5,000 to a son of Senator Doolittle," &c., &c.

It is true that Mr. Smythe does not remember that he ever mentioned to the President or these parties in Washington his kind intentions.

It was, however, evident that his memorizing faculty was either bad or his recollection quite defective, or his agent (Thomson) and several other witnesses had very inventive memories. Whichever that may be, Mr. Spalding, of the legal profession in New-York, did remember in committee room that Senator Doolittle had in Washington, told him that Mr. Smythe had conversed with him about general order business; had promised his son, then in Racine, Wisconsin, "a place under him" and "an interest in the profits of the general order business," &c. The Senator's son did come to New-York, and now holds a very good place in the New-York Custom-house.

With these data before us, we can now form a pretty conclusive opinion as to several who were interested in the "Collector's big plum." How much the divisible interest of each participant amounted to, or how much was actually paid and received, of course is not so easy of ascertainment.

Mr. Smythe is quite positive as to "Mrs. Perry," that she never received over $500, and with great *naiveté* declares he paid that out of his own funds. How she, "a Washington woman," became interested, and to be benefited, in the general order business of the Port of New-York is explained by the testimony of Messrs. Phelps & Barr.

Mr. Smythe has no distinct recollection of having paid anybody anything or of having himself received anything out of or from general order business. Perhaps the obliviousness with which he every month took and subscribed an oath that he had not "received directly or indirectly, nor directly or indirectly agreed to receive, or be paid for his own use or another's benefit," for or on account of storage, labor, or cartage, &c., "any money, article or consideration," may, from sheer force of habit, have continued to influence him when testifying before the Committee. It is very certain that the recollection of Mr. Thompson, and of Messrs. Thomas Brown, Pinco and several other unimpeachable gentlemen, not practiced in Custom-house oaths, differs very widely from Collector Smythe's, as will be seen by recurrence to their testimony.

It is unpleasant thus to invite attention to the statements of these witnesses, the evidence of Mr. Smythe, and the form of the oaths he subscribed to every month since he became Collector. Copies or forms of these oaths are given in full in the testimony of the Auditor of the Custom-house, S. G. Ogden.

This comparison of testimony and of the forms of the monthly oaths taken by the Collector, will be interesting while very briefly reviewing his connection with

THE CARTAGE BUSINESS.

This business, though commonly regarded as a constituent part of general order business, Mr. Smythe has, for his purposes, somewhat segregated therefrom, so as to invite proposals for its monopoly.

A Mr. McIntyre's offer of $15,000 per annum was not thought large enough by Deputy Collector Embree, Mr. Smythe's representative in this matter, and was consequently rejected. So much of the cartage as pertained to the Appraisers' stores was finally farmed out to Messrs. Lindsay, Keyes & Meagher. Two monthly installments of $260 each, as appears by Mr. Brown's testimony, while he was the Collector's private Secretary, did come into his hands, and on the request of the Collector was kept by him for the Collector. Why Mr. Brown was made the temporary keeper of this fund until wanted, perhaps the monthly oaths explain. When it was called for, and for what purposes, appears in Mr. Brown's testimony. This cartage business is yet in the same hands; how many installments have been paid, or the disposition of the same, the Committee have not at present the means of knowing.

Although the importers' private cartmen give bonds and take licenses to enable them to "ride" bonded goods, they are not allowed to handle them until the Custom-house cartmen have drayed such goods as are sent under general order to general order warehouses, and from thence, such as are required, to private bonded warehouses. This unnecessary and arbitrary requirement, solely for the benefit of the contracting Custom-house cartmen, is fixed formally and enforced by such a rescript as the following:

[Copy.]

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE, CUSTOM-HOUSE. } NEW-YORK, Oct. 17, 1866.

To F. B. Ashton, Warehouse Superintendent:

SIR: In conformity with your suggestion, you are hereby directed to see that all goods taken from one bonded warehouse to another are transferred by the regularly appointed Custom-house cartmen.

(Signed) H. A. SMYTHE, Collector.

Mr. Bugbee's testimony fully explains the operation of this order; that while Government gets no additional advantage or security, the importer is subjected thereby to great inconvenience, sometimes delay in hunting up his goods, and made to pay from 50 to 60 per cent. more for cartage than if he were allowed to employ his own truckmen.

Simply characterizing this wanton interference with the rights of merchants, as outrage No. 2 of Mr. Smythe's administration of the New-York Custom-house, the Committee pass over with but a word his numerous changes, removals, appointments and reappointments, &c., &c., whereby he has greatly disorganized, demoralized and impaired the capacity and working force of the revenue service of the port. Faithful, experienced, capable men have, by no known cause but the Collector's capriciousness, been made to give place not infrequently to incapacity, ignorance, vice, and in one instance to a convicted thief. To this disreputable catalogue, but for the firmness of Deputy-Collector Stedwell in rejecting Mr. Smythe's nomination, might have been added an indicted murderer.

By his uncalled-for additions to the pay-roll of the Custom-house, raising salaries, multiplying appointees, &c., while business decreased, he has increased expenses at the rate, it is said, of from $250,000 to $350,000 a year.

Here the Committee pause in the enumeration of Mr. Smythe's profligate practices in connection with the New-York Custom-house, from no lack of material, but believing the finding abundantly sufficient to warrant and require and involve his immediate removal from the office of Collector of the Port of New-York. Public propriety and decency demand this rebuke and reparation. To withstand or delay will inevitably tend to focalize and fix suspicion into allegation, surmise and uncertainty. It is also the initial and necessary step toward reform, and toward the prevention by example of the recurrence of such gross, corruptional and wrongs.

The Committee believe there may be an essential modification, if not comparative prevention of these abuses, upon some such basis as the following recommendations:

First—An honest and capable Collector should be appointed, who should be prohibited from selling or farming out, for a consideration, general order business. He should not in any wise allow warehousemen to be taxed or burdened because they are warehousemen. He should compel the observance of such regulations in regard to storage and cartage charges "as are the current rates of the port."

Second—Whenever an importer presents an invoice or bill of lading to the Collector, he should on application be entitled to receive a special general order for the goods therein mentioned for any regularly bonded warehouse. To prevent the too great multiplication of these specials, a fixed small fee might be required.

The effect of this, it is believed, would be that the storage for general order goods would be "the current rates, &c." Should it be otherwise, the merchant would have in his special order permit an adequate remedy at all times in his own hands.

Perhaps, as the law now is, an inflexible Treasury regulation would effect most of these requirements. Should it not, and the business is deemed of too base and immoralizing to the service, the Committee believe no removals should be made except for good cause, which should be specifically reported to the Secretary of the Treasury for his approval.

With these brief suggestions as to remedies, the Committee dismiss from further consideration this branch of their investigation, and turn to a hasty examination in connection with the New-York Custom-house, of

THE SEIZURE BUSINESS.

The Seizure Bureau, as an adjunct of the collection of customs revenue in the United States, in modified form and operation, is not of recent origin. The act entitled "An Act to prevent and punish frauds upon the revenue, to provide for the more certain collection of claims in favor of the United States, and for other purposes," approved March 3, 1863, greatly enlarged the powers, and wonderfully stimulated the activities of this Bureau.

Intended, no doubt, as its title purports, "to prevent and punish frauds," it has been not unfrequently perverted into a medium and instrument of oppression and flagrant injustice.

A section of an act of Congress, passed March 2, 1799, provided that every Collector, Naval Officer or Surveyor, who had cause to suspect a concealment, in any place, of goods on which duties have not been paid, shall, upon proper application or oath to any Justice of the Peace, be entitled to a warrant to enter such place, in the daytime, and "seize and, secure the goods for trial." It was never contended that this law authorized a search and seizure of private books and papers, or to obtain by such means evidence to condemn property. It only authorized the seizure of suspected property. A section of the act of 1863 has been held in practice, if not on the Bench, it is to be hoped without much examination, to authorize the exercise of the very power and practices which the act of 1799 did not bestow, and which it was construed to do. That section (the seventh) is as follows:

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That whenever it shall be made to appear, by affidavit, to the satisfaction of the District Judge of any district within the United States, that any fraud on the revenue has been at the time actually committed, or attempted, by any person or persons interested or in any way engaged in the importation or entry of merchandise at any port within the United States, said Judge shall forthwith issue his warrant, directed to the Collector of the Port at which the merchandise, in respect to which said alleged frauds have been committed or attempted, has been imported or entered, directing said officer, or his duly authorized agents or assistants, to enter any place or premises where any invoice, books or papers relating to such merchandise or fraud are deposited, and to take and carry the same away to be inspected; and any invoice, books or papers so received or taken shall be retained by the officer receiving the same, for the use of the United States, so long as the retention thereof may be necessary, subject to the control and direction of the Solicitor of the Treasury.

The thirty-ninth section of the act of July, 1866, declares "any District Judge" is authorized to issue a warrant directed to any Collector of the Customs, &c. In virtue of that provision a Judge in Maine or Maryland, for example, is empowered to issue a warrant valid in Boston or New-York, &c. As no inconvenience under this last amendment of 1866 has been brought to the knowledge of the Committee, it is dismissed with the single suggestion that it admits of very great abuse, and should assuredly be somewhat restricted; the tenth section of the act of 1863, reserves and makes dependent "upon the recommendation of the Solicitor of the Treasury," "any claim in favor of the United States," before "the same be compromised;" the effect of that section has been and practically now is—mandatory upon the Secretary of the Treasury in his revisory and administrative decisions, when claims are sought to be compromised; the exercise of any discretion by him is to be controlled by the recommendation of one of his subordinates; already, and probably more than once, the Secretary has been made to feel this subordination.

The Solicitor of the Treasury, Mr. JORDAN, when before the Committee, stated that he drew or prepared the several revenue sections of the March act of 1863. His motive and purpose may have been of the purest and most patriotic kind; but had he desired to frame an act to enable the Solicitor to make every owner "or agent having charge of any claim in favor of the United States," or defending any such claim, or proposing to compromise any such claim, tributuary and contributory to that officer, human ingenuity could scarcely have devised one better adapted to that purpose than the seventh and tenth sections of the act of March, 1863. It may not be thought amiss to spend a moment in surveying the origin, duties, powers, &c., &c., of the Solicitor of the Treasury, who, perhaps all unconsciously, by his own inadvertency has become the controlling arbiter of fortunes and the private [illegible]

of the commercial citizens of the importing cities of this country.

The office of Solicitor of the Treasury was created by act of Congress, May 29, 1830. (4 Statutes, page 414.) By this act the Solicitor has charge of *all suits* or actions for the recovery of any fine, penalty or forfeiture. He also has power to instruct District Attorneys, Marshals and clerks of the Federal Courts in all matters appertaining to suits, in which the United States is a party or interested. He has authority to establish rules and regulations for the observance of Collectors, District-Attorneys and Marshals. Under the second section of the act of Congress of March 3, 1863, (12 vol. Statutes, 739,) he has cognizance of frauds, or attempted frauds, upon the revenue, and is bound to exercise a general supervision of measures for their prevention and detection, and for the prosecution of persons charged with the commission thereof. Under the seventh section of the same act he is made the recipient and has sole control of the books and papers seized from merchants by order of a Judge of the District Court of the United States. Under the tenth section as already particularized, without his approbation no claim, in favor of the United States, can be compromised even by the Secretary of the Treasury.

It will thus be seen that, under these different acts of Congress, the Solicitor of the Treasury has devolved upon him duties of the most responsible nature, and requiring that officer not only to be learned in the law, but to be of the most perfect uprightness of moral character.

In the practical administration of the laws to prevent frauds upon the revenue, the Solicitor becomes of even more consequence than he is upon the statute book. In respect to all such matters he is really the confidential adviser of the Secretary, who, amid his multiplied duties, cannot by possibility personally inquire into all the questions arising between the Custom-house and importers in respect to such matters. When, therefore, a Collector makes a charge upon an importer that he has meditated or committed a fraud upon the revenue, and thereupon seizes his books, papers and merchandise, and the importer prefers a petition for redress to the Secretary, the document is, in the course of business, referred to the Solicitor for report and advice. By reference to a circular recently issued by the Treasury Department, under date of Jan. 23, 1867, it will be seen that the statutes provide but three modes in which an importer, whose merchandise has been seized, can obtain possession of the same.

One mode is pointed out in the first section of the act of March 3, 1797, (1 Stats., 506.) By reference to General Treasury Regulations, page 473, paragraph 886, it will be seen that under the last mentioned act the importer cannot obtain relief unless he distinctly admits that he has incurred the forfeiture complained of. The Treasury Regulations expressly say that the Secretary will act on no application for remission, unless the forfeiture be admitted in the petition to have been incurred. This admission being under oath, it could, of course, be used against the importer on the trial, provided the Secretary should refuse the prayer of the petitioner.

The second mode, provided by the Act of March 3, 1863, only refers to cases where the value of the merchandise does not exceed $1,000.

The third mode is prescribed by the tenth section of the Act of March 3, 1863, and specifically requires the recommendation of the Solicitor of the Treasury to any compromise before the Secretary can accept any compromise.

It is true that the President, by virtue of his general power over executive business, can undoubtedly, if he sees fit, direct the District-Attorney to discontinue any proceeding or prosecution begun on behalf of the United States. But if an importer makes an application of that character to the President it would be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, who in turn would refer it to the Solicitor.

Thus it will be seen that the Solicitor holds, arbitrarily in his own hands, both by statute and by actual practice, the fate of every application made by an importer for redress on account of seizure or prosecution begun by Collectors of Customs.

Again, Collectors of Customs are not subject to the orders of any persons except to orders of the President, or the Secretary of the Treasury, or the Solicitor of the Treasury. It, therefore, the interference in their performances of these three officers can be prevented, the importer is at the mercy of the Collector and the latter can pursue and harass his business unmolested. It will thus readily be seen, that if there be an understanding, direct or implied, between the Collector and informer, and the the Solicitor of the Treasury, that the latter is to receive pecuniary benefit to be paid on account of seizures, he is not an impartial person within the meaning of the law, whenever an application is preferred for a release. He is, if he has a pecuniary interest in the result, not a proper person to advise the Secretary of the Treasury. If the law contemplated that the Solicitor should have any interest in seizures, direct or indirect, it would have given it to him by statute, as is done in the case of the Collector, Naval Officer, Surveyor, District-Attorney and informers. The fact that Congress has abstained from giving the Solicitor any share, is presumptive evidence that it did not intend he should receive any. And if the Solicitor is interested in such seizures, he, therefore, offends against the spirit of the acts of Congress, and makes himself an unfit adviser of the Secretary of the Treasury, and the more unfit if it be that the Secretary is unaware of the pecuniary interest he has in the subject upon which he is giving advice.

That there may be no misunderstanding or misconstruction of the tenor of these general remarks, the Committee desire to say that they design in them no reflections upon the present Solicitor of the Treasury. It is possible that the perusal of the testimony of Mr. Whittenden, former Register of the Treasury, detailing the particulars of an interview at Fifth-avenue Hotel, New-York, at which Mr. Jordan was present, may seem, by reason of his acquiescence on that occasion, to engender the suspicion of his having a common interest with certain Custom-house officials in consultation there—officials who had by law a recognized divisible interest in the settlement of seizure and forfeiture cases.

The Committee believe the seventh section of the act of 1863 bad in principle, bad in practice, and should at once be repealed or greatly modified. The abuses perpetrated under it are multiplying and intensifying, and may ultimate in some baleful outbreak in vindication of the inalienable rights of the citizen and the man. While a wise and good officer would not knowingly use its provisions to abuse or oppress, inasmuch as the administration of such cannot always be secured, is it well to have, unnecessarily, laws capable of abuse in the statute books? Even the era of good laws has not been exempt from administrative abuses.

Blackstone fixes upon the reign of the festive and unprincipled Charles the Second, as the period in English history of the theoretical perfection of public law, though "the times" then, and that followed, he says, "were times of arrest practical oppression."

The conjunction of the 7th and 10th sections of the act would be most calamitous—a contingency that ought not to be needlessly incurred.

The most material of the testimony taken recently by the Committee, illustrating the bearings and tendencies of proceedings under this act, as the same have transpired in New-York, is herewith submitted.

In 1864 and in 1865, the Committee on Public Expenditures submitted reports incidentally touching the seizure system.

Although then comparatively in its infancy, its administration gave rise to reports that the Custom-house officials were oppressive in proceedings in

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THE GENERAL ORDER BUSINESS.

Selections from the Testimony Taken by the Committee on Public Expenditures.

Statement of Frauds, Collusion and Corruption.

TESTIMONY OF FRANKLIN M. BIXBY.

NEW-YORK, Tuesday, Dec. 18, 1866.

By Francis B. Spinola, sworn and examined by the Committee.

Q.—What is the date of your appointment?

A.—I have occupied the position since April 1, 1865.

Q.—What was your business?

A.—I have been a dry goods commission merchant for about 15 years.

Q.—What was the character of your business?

A.—I have been in the habit of receiving goods on consignment and selling them at auction.

Q.—Have you been in the habit of receiving goods from the Government?

A.—Yes, Sir; I have received goods from the Government since the commencement of the war.

Q.—Have you been in the habit of receiving goods from the Government at any time on your own account?

A.—No, Sir

the President that could not be resisted by the Collector.

Q.—Do you know the amount the Collector paid Mrs. Perry? and, if so, how much? A.—I remember the Collector sent her a check for $500.

Q.—Did you see the letter inclosing the check? and, if so, what were its contents? A.—Yes; in the letter inclosing the check Mr. Smythe stated to her distinctly that the arrangement in reference to the "general order business" had failed, (referring to the Miller and Conger arrangement,) and that he did not feel that he could pay her any more money beyond the inclosed check, which came out of his own pocket.

Q.—Did you see any acknowledgment of this money by Mrs. Perry? A.—I did; I saw Mrs. Perry's reply to the Collector; he handed it to me and asked me to read it.

Q.—State the substance of it. A.—It was quite a long letter; she thanked the Collector for his kindness, was quite disappointed as to the result, and, while she did not claim anything of the Collector, she knew where to go, and would immediately go to the President in reference to the matter.

Q.—Do you recollect the Collector paying moneys to any other parties at or about that time? A.—I remember that he paid $500 to George F. Thomson & Co., also another check, the amount of which I have forgotten, to the Johnson Committee in Washington; that was to the order of Mr. Doolittle; I think it was $1,500; I am not positive.

Q.—On this arrangement with Messrs. Miller & Conger, did the Collector receive anything from them, directly or indirectly? A.—No, Sir; such a suspicion never crossed my mind; I have not the least doubt of the integrity of Mr. Smythe, and I think that receiving money in such a way would be no better than stealing; I do not think that Mr. Smythe ever made a single cent; that is my belief.

Q.—Why did the arrangement of Messrs. Miller & Conger fall through? A.—I always supposed it failed because they could not get the stores of Getty & Sons bonded, which they intended to make the general order depot.

Q.—Who did get the general order business? A.—E. C. Johnson, called Johnson & Co.

Q.—Do you know the conditions on which they received it? A.—I do not. After the old arrangement fell through I said to the Collector, "If you make any new arrangement, I beg you will let me know nothing whatever about it." I never did know anything about it, He assured me he got nothing directly or indirectly for any purpose whatever, and I believed it. I do not believe it now.

Q.—You say you believed it. Have you any reason now to entertain a different opinion with reference to that transaction? A.—I can state no particular reasons, but I have an impression that although Mr. Smythe was not be efited by it in any way, I think some of the politicians or their friends shared in it; but I do not know.

Q.—You have reasons for entertaining that opinion? A.—Why, Sir, I have not a doubt about it, and yet I cannot give you any evidence of it. I am as sure of it as a man can be of anything short of a demonstration.

Q.—When you say "politicians," whom do you mean by that designation? A.—I know that Ex-Mayor Berriet and Ex-Gov. Pratt, of Maryland, shared in certain remittances from the Custom-house. I know that a $500 check I gave to the Collector one day he said he was going to send to Gov. Pratt, of Maryland.

Q.—Do you know how these gentlemen became acquainted with the Collector? A.—They brought a letter from the Private Secretary of the President, Mr. Edward Cooper, recommending those gentlemen in most cordial terms to the Collector.

Q.—Was it written in behalf of the President? A.—Yes, Sir; I so understood it.

Q.—Do you know or have you reason to believe that sums have been paid either directly or indirectly to any of the President's family—to Mrs. Patterson or Mrs. Stover by Collector Smythe? A.—I do not know positively that any money has ever been paid to them, and yet I have no doubt of the fact.

Q.—Did the Collector ever make any remarks to you that he had helped them or intended to help them, or that he would lead you to believe that he purposed to help the President's family by money or otherwise? A.—About a fortnight ago there appeared in the NEW-YORK TIMES a very offensive paragraph in reference to the general order business; I happened in the Collector's room one morning just after its appearance when he referred to it, and he remarked that he was very sorry he had undertaken to help the President's family.

Q.—Any other remark? A.—Not at all; he supposed I knew all about it; but I did not.

Q.—Did the firm of E. C. Johnson, that received the general order business after the failure of the Miller & Conger arrangement, agree to pay any consideration for the business, to your knowledge or belief, to the Collector or to anybody else that he designated or desired? A.—My general reply to that is that I do not know anything about it; I always supposed there was an arrangement with somebody about the taking.

Q.—Do you know how the business was conducted with reference to charges by them? A.—There were frequent complaints of exorbitant charges after the business went there; persons complaining came to my desk, and I referred them to Mr. Smythe, and insisted on his deciding to have a rule about these matters, or that he would eventually get himself into very great trouble. I spoke to him repeatedly about them in each particular case; he told me to allow such charges as were indicated by the Deputy Collector in charge of the bonded war house, and I wrote a letter to that effect, which the Collector signed; but that did not seem to remedy the evil; but in every case after that which came to my desk, that order was enforced. I think that was because there was some arrangement which I knew nothing about, that parties other than Johnson & Co. shared in the earnings.

Q.—You have no knowledge of their giving to Collector Smythe any money, check or property otherwise? A.—None; no conclusion on which they received the business I know anything about.

Q.—Were you his private Secretary when the business was taken from them and given to another house, which at present conducts it? A.—No, Sir; the change was made long after I left.

Q.—Have you any knowledge why the business was taken and given to another firm? A.—I have never had any conversation with any person about it; of course everybody knew that Johnson & Co. were fleecing the merchants.

Q.—Have you any information to give to the Committee upon the cartage-business, and if so, what? A.—The cartmen, while I was there, were Lindsey, Keyes and Meagher.

Q.—Who designates the cartmen? A.—The Collector.

Q.—Do you know anything about the arrangement between them and the Collector, if there was any? A.—I knew at the time nothing about it; I did not know these gentlemen even by sight.

Q.—Did you learn subsequently? A.—Subsequently Mr. Keyes and Lindsey came to my desk after they had been doing the Custom-house cartage for a month and wanted to see the Collector; they then informed me that they were the Custom-house cartmen; I informed the Collector that they were outside and wanted to see him; he asked me if I would see them; I did so, and learned that they were there to render an account of their months's business; they showed me a transcript from their books, with the profits which were shared equally between the three gentlemen before named; they then informed me that the Collector, when he had given them the cartage, said that they should have three-fourths of it, and one-fourth interest he wished to retain for another party; the fourth interest amounted I think to $250; I took this statement with a check for that amount to the Collector and laid it before him; he looked at it and said—"I do not want anything to do with that matter; will you not pass the check to your account, and when I have to send another check to Washington I will ask you for it;" I passed it to my account as I did not want to disoblige Mr. Smythe of course; the next month came around and they returned with like statement and check for Mr. John Jones; I showed the statement and check to the Collector but placed it to my credit; shortly after that, having left the office, the Collector asked me if I had any money for him? that he had to make another remittance to Washington; I told him I had about $500, and he asked me to give him a check for that amount, which I did; can, I think, went to Ex-Gov. Pratt; he stated at the time that he did not desire it to appear in his account.

TESTIMONY OF EDWARD C. JOHNSON.

Edward C. Johnson, of the firm of Johnson & Co., Nos. 4, 6, 8 and 10 Bridge-street, sworn and examined.

BY MR. BROOMALL.

Q.—Are you acquainted with Collector Smythe? A.—I am, sir.

Q.—How long have you known him? A.—I do not know how long; can't tell exactly.

Q.—Some years? A.—Only by report, you know.

Q.—How long have you known him personally? A.—Only since he occupied this position, though I think it was introduced to him at some political meeting before he was appointed Collector; I think Richard B. Connolly introduced me to him.

Q.—Have you known him intimately since he has been in his present position? A.—No, Sir; don't know much about him.

Q.—Do you know anything of an agreement between him and Messrs. Miller & Conger? A.—No, Sir; don't know anything about him.

Q.—Heard him say anything about it? A.—Never a word.

Q.—Not by Miller & Conger? A.—Have heard Miller say something, but nothing in particular.

Q.—Did you, during the negotiations with Messrs. Miller & Conger, offer to give to the Collector more money for the general order business than they were giving? A.—Not to the Collector.

Q.—Did you make such an offer to anybody? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—Why did you say "Not to the Collector?" A.—Because you put "the Collector" in there yourself; I heard you.

Q.—You made no such offer to anybody? A.—No, Sir, never; I may have said casually that I would give that to anybody; but I was mad then, because somebody else had got it away from me; I think I said I would give $40,000 for it; would not swear now positively.

Q.—Did you know that was what they were to give? A.—Don't know it; heard the rumor.

Q.—Did you not say that you would give more? A.—Don't know whether I said it or not.

Q.—Did you not say that in the presence of the Collector? A.—I don't think I remember of.

Q.—Did you and he have any conversation at any time about the general order business? A.—Yes, several times; a dozen times.

Q.—I call your attention, then, to the first time that you conversed with him about this matter; what took place? what did he say, and what did you say? A.—Can't remember anything about it.

Q.—Where was that first interview? Can you tell that? A.—Don't remember.

Q.—Can you remember the place of any interview you had with Mr. Smythe? A.—I have met Mr. Smythe a great many times at the Custom-house; sometimes I could see him there, and sometimes I could not.

Q.—Can you fix your attention on any particular interview with Mr. Smythe in which this general order business came up in conversation? A.—No; can't remember; don't know anything about it; there has been so much said about it; so many lies told one way and another that they have made me almost crazy; I don't think you can believe anything about it.

Q.—State whether you had that general order business at any time? A.—Oh, yes, I did.

Q.—When begun and when ended? A.—Can't tell; think about the 1st of August it begun and ended on the 1st of December; don't exactly know; got a notice from Mr. Smythe that the general order business had been transferred to other parties; but they kept sending to me and are sending to me yet.

Q.—State with whom the negotiation was made? A.—Don't know anything about it.

Q.—By whom you had the general order business? A.—No negotiation about it.

Q.—How did you get the general order business? A.—Well, I went into the Custom-house accidentally one day; I think Mr. Smythe was there alone; I had just come down from Vermont; had been up there; thought nothing about it; didn't care anything about it; it was worth nothing to anybody; went in there, don't know what for, and Collector Smythe says to me: "Mr. Johnson, you have been in the general order business longer than anybody in this town; you keep things correct and know a good deal about it," or something of the kind; can't, pretend to say the words—" I wish you to take this general order business off my hands; I want somebody to make it satisfactory to the merchants and reduce the prices. They bother me to death about it; you will do me a favor to do it;" I can't remember a word I said about it; this is the substance of the interview and all of it.

Q.—When was this interview? A.—In July.

Q.—How long after the negotiations with Miller & Co. fell through? A.—I do not know.

Q.—Was anything said between the Collector and you on that occasion about what this business was worth? A.—Not that I remember.

Q.—Was nothing said about your giving anything to the Collector or anybody else for it? A.—Not that I remember.

Q.—When you had the general order business did you let particular parts of it to particular individuals? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Into how many districts did you divide it? A.—Four.

Q.—To whom did you let out those districts—name the persons? A.—Atkins, Edwards & Co., E. N. Lawrence, Miller & Conger, E. C. Johnson & Co.—that is, myself and Mr. Kimberly, no more.

Q.—State upon what terms you let out these districts? A.—Thirty-five per cent. of the storage, saying nothing about the cartage, labor nor anything of that kind.

Q.—To whom was that thirty-five per cent. paid? A.—To me.

Q.—State how much you received from Messrs. Miller & Conger. A.—Don't know anything about it.

Q.—Well, then, estimate it. A.—Well, it might have been from $500 to $800.

Q.—Well, how much from the other parties, naming them? A.—Well, I guess I got from Lawrence about $200.

Q.—Edwards, Atkins & Co.? A.—$2,000 or $2,400.

Q.—Was it not $3,145? A.—Can't tell; might have been; wouldn't swear to it.

Q.—How much did you receive from E. C. Johnson & Co.? A.—About $800 or $900.

Q.—What did you do with this money? A.—Put it in the bag to meet my expenses out of it.

Q.—Did you give part of it to anybody else? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—Did you receive that for your own use altogether? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Is there anybody else who has received or is to receive any part of that money or any consideration? A.—There is no agreement or understanding of that kind; nobody will receive is without they sue me for it and get it by law.

Q.—Can you tell why the Collector gave to you a business for nothing, for which he was offered $40,000 by you? A.—Oh! you don't know anything about that.

Q.—Do you know? A.—No, I don't know anything about it; how can I know? I can't tell; that's very singular; how do I know anything about any such thing? I think he was cross at the time; if you want me to tell you what I think, I will tell you; he is a nervous kind of man; was cross as thunder, and wanted to put that thing into my hands for a few months, until he could regulate it some other way; that is all I know about it.

Q.—Have you ever given the Collector any money since he has been in this office?

A.—No sir; not a cent.

Q.—No check? A.—No, sir.

Q.—Draft? A.—No, sir.

Q.—Note? A.—No, sir

Q. Ever given body else, connected with Mr. Thompson, money? A.—Not given to anybody.

Q.—I ask you again: You said that you would give more than Miller & Conger? A.—No, I did not say that; I said "perhaps" I had said so; don't know whether I did or not.

Q.—Do you not know that you have said that? A.—I do not remember if I have; I have said a thousand things about it that I do not remember anything about; I presume I have, but I would not swear to it.

Q.—How long after you presume you had said that was it that the Collector gave you the business? A.—Don't remember.

Q.—Month? A.—Could not say.

Q.—Week? A.—Cannot say; I went away to Vermont, and don't know what took place.

Q.—Was it next day? A.—Don't remember whether or not.

Q.—What induced the Collector to give you this business for nothing, for which you are willing to pay $40,000. A.—Don't know anything about it.

Q.—Do you say on your oath that the Collector gave you this business for nothing? A.—Don't know whether he did or not; never paid him anything; never was to be asked to pay him anything, and there never was an understanding to pay him anything—do you understand that?

Q.—Pay anybody else? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—Do you say that he gave you this business for nothing? A.—I mean to say that I don't know anything he ever gave it to me for.

Q.—Do you refuse to say on your oath that the Collector gave you this business for nothing? A.—As far as I know, he did.

Q.—During the time that you had this business under the Collector did you have any interviews with George F. Thompson? A.—I saw him a number of times.

Q.—Did you have any conversation with him in relation to the general order business? A.—I presume I did; I don't know.

Q.—Had George F. Thompson any interest whatever in the general order business until you had it? A.—Not that I know of.

Q.—Had he had any would you have known it? A.—I do not know anything about that.

Q.—Had he any interest whatever in your contract? A.—I had no contract.

Q.—Not in your arrangement with the Collector? A.—I had no particular arrangement with the Collector; he simply gave it to me.

Q.—Had Mr. Thompson any interest in that business. A.—Not that know of.

Q.—Did you pay him any money? A.—Never.

Q.—Are you to pay him anything? A.—Nothing; never under any obligation, either moral, political, social, or in any other way.

Q.—Did you ever talk with him about giving him money or any other property? A.—Not that I remember of.

Q.—Do you want the Committee to believe that Collector Smythe gave you this business for nothing for which you were willing to give $40,000? A.—I don't know what you want to believe; I don't care what you believe.

Q.—You say that is true on your oath; that he gave you the business for nothing; that you are willing to give $40,000 for? A.—Do not; don't say any such thing; I offered him no inducement; somebody else might have induced him; but I know nothing about it.

Q.—Were you an applicant for the business while Messrs. Miller & Conger were negotiating? A.—Don't know; think likely as not I was.

Q.—Can you state whether you was or not? A.—Don't know any particular shape I put the application in; did not make it direct.

Q.—To whom did you make the application? A.—I do not know.

Q.—You do know, A.—I say I do not know; now, you and I come in conflict; I swear to it.

Q.—You say you did not make any application directly to Mr. Smythe? A.—I did not say that; I said I did not know whether I did or not.

Q.—How did you make the application if you did not make it direct? A.—I don't know anything about it; I don't, certain.

Q.—You did not make it direct to Mr. Smythe? A.—What time are you speaking of?

Q.—During the time you learned that Messrs. Miller & Conger were negotiating? A.—Not that I know of; I don't remember of making any application at that time.

Q.—Did you ever make any application indirectly to the Collector for the business? A.—I don't recollect that I ever did; I talked to a great many people about it; some influential men interceded for me; I talked with Wm. M. Evarts; he said he would get it for me.

Q.—Did you offer him any inducements? A.—No; he has been my lawyer for twenty years; I did not think it necessary.

Q.—Do you suppose he would have accepted it? A.—I presume he would as likely as you would receive the 36 per cent. for nothing.

Q.—State what services you rendered, if any, of any kind to the Custom-house or the Government for this 35 per cent. which you received clear? A.—I can state nothing.

Q.—Did you render any services or do anything? A.—I was joint partner with these men—with Miller & Conger, with Edwards, Atkins & Co., with the Bixbys, with Henry C. Bowen; Bowen ran the *Independent*; he got 30 per cent. of me; he got the contract when Barney was Collector.

Q.—Do you know whether they rendered any services? A.—I do not know.

Q.—What did you do for Edwards, Atkins & Co.? A.—I instructed them about the business; I told them what to do; something turned up every day or two that went wrong, and I would go and investigate it; attended to them in the Custom-house; it took me the whole time.

Q.—You have answered that you have paid and are to pay nothing to Mr. Thompson? A.—Yes, Sir; and to nobody else.

Q.—Has Thompson an office in your store on Bridge-street? A.—No, I don't think he has; he comes there once in a while; he asked me if he could have a desk there; I told him yes.

Q.—Is he a clerk in your employ? A.—Oh, no.

Q.—Would Mr. Lane, your partner, be likely to know it if he was? A.—I think not.

Q.—Would Mr. Lane be likely to know it if he receives it from you? A.—He would.

Q.—You say he does not? A.—Never to my knowledge.

Q.—Did you offer to sell to Messrs. Humphrey & Co. any portion of the general order business? A.—No; don't know Humphrey; never saw him.

Q.—Did you the firm of which Mr. Bixby is a member? A.—I was introduced to Mr. Bixby one day, and I says to him: "I would like a little of this general order business, and you have got a good deal of it, and Frank Squier has some of it; can you fix this up?" Bixby said he would not give anything for it, and would not have anything to do with it, and off he went; that is about all the conversation I had with Mr. Bixby.

Q.—What did Mr. Squier say? A.—I don't recollect.

Q.—Where was that? A.—Well; I don't know.

Q.—How long before you got into business? A.—It was before I got the business; I don't know how long.

Q.—Did you in any of your interviews with these gentlemen speak about how much you would give for the business? A.—They say "you have offered forty or fifty thousand dollars for the business and you are a fool," or something of the kind; I do not know whether I said it or not; I perhaps said something of the kind.

Q.—You did not deny it? A.—I never offered anything to the Collector; never offered anything to anybody.

Q.—Did you deny it when they made the assertion? A.—I do not know whether I did or not.

Q.—Did you not deny them, or either of them, or any person connected with them, or any other person, that you and the Collector, or either of you, had got the general order business fixed up so that no d—d Congressional Investigating Committee could find out anything about it, or words to that effect? A.—Not that I remember of; no, never.

Q.—Did you ever hear any conversation alluding to that? A.—Nothing of that kind.

Q.—Did you inform any of them that if they bought the general order business and paid the price asked that they could charge anything they chose and the Collector would sustain them, or words to that effect? A.—Never that I remember of.

Q.—Did you ever converse with anybody upon the subject? A.—I have never had intercourse with with those men; they are beneath contempt in my opinion; I never had but one interview with the Bixbys, except to pass the time of day.

Q.—When they declined to negotiate it, do you remember the ground they put it on? A.—I do not.

Q.—Was it because it would lead to a violation of the law? A.—I don't recollect it; if it was they had violated the law for ten years.

Q.—Do you say on your oath that you have had no understanding of any kind with Collector Smythe or with Mr. Thompson by which they have been or expected to be pecuniarily benefited by this business? A.—I have sworn to that question before, and I have answered invariably that I had no kind of encouragement or understanding with anybody in any shape whatever.

Q.—Have you loaned money to to the Collector or counsel within six months? A.—No, sir.

Q.—To anybody connected with the Custom-house? A.—Not that I am aware of; there are Inspectors and all sorts of things come in sometimes and borrow $15 or $20; I consider it as a gift; never expect to get it back; Thompson or the Collector never has; other men may have; I would let them have the money, perhaps, and then tell them to go off and never come to me again, or something of that kind, and would never think again about it.

Q.—Have you ever loaned to Mr. Smythe or to Mr. Thompson any check or anything else of value, or given or proposed to them anything? A.—No, sir.

Q.—Did you pay to any person connected with the Revenue Department any sum because of the transfer of the goods from the Appraiser's stores to your warehouse on Bridge-street? A.—Never, that I remember of.

Q.—Did you loan to anybody to Daniel Jackson any money? A.—I think he owes me $50; I don't know.

Q.—Have you given it to him or loaned it to him while letting out the general order business? A.—I cannot tell when; he asked me for $50 and I loaned it to him; it was in the name of a loan; I never expected to give it.

Q.—State whether in reality it was a gift? A.—I know it was not; I thought he would pay me, but I shall never ask him for it; I suppose I have got $25,000 out that way; I am a good natured fellow; if I had kept my money I would have been rich.

Q.—Were you a candidate for office in this City? A.—Yes, Sir; member of Assembly.

Q.—Were you elected? A.—No, Sir; I was a candidate for School Officer, too, and was elected in a Democratic district.

Q.—Did you contribute funds to the recent election in New-York? A.—I presume I spent two or three thousand dollars in the November election in New-York; can't recollect; know how much; I spent my money freely among the boys.

Q.—To whom did you give the last sum named? A.—Well, I spent it round among the bar-rooms, to tell the truth.

Q.—To be used for political purposes? A.—Yes; would give out $5 at a time; a man would come to me and say, "I can carry a certain district for you;" I would give him $10 or $15.

Q.—Do you mean you contributed that for electing Fenton? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Do you know Horace B. Claffin? A.—Yes, some; not much I don't.

Q.—Did you at any time say to him that you were to pay to Smythe or to anybody else any money or value of any kind, for or connected with the general order business? A.—Not that I remember of.

Q.—Would you have told him that if it had not been true? A.—No.

Q.—You have said that that is not true? A.—I did not say anything about it; I do not know anything about it.

Q.—Were you or were you not to pay, loan or to give to Mr. Smythe or to any other person, any sum or value of any kind for or connected with the general order business? A.—I do not understand the question.

Q.—You have said you were not to pay, loan or give to Mr. Smythe or to any person any sum or value of any kind for or connected with the general order business? A.—Yes, I said that.

Q.—You say you do not know whether you told Mr. Claflin whether you had or not? A.—I do not recollect any such conversation.

Q.—Did you have any conversation with Mr. CLAFLIN about paying or giving anything for the general order business? A.—I do not recollect that I ever did.

Q.—In the interview which you have spoken of as having with Mr. Bixby, who was present? A.—His brother; he introduced me to him.

Q.—Did you propose to them that they should take the business on the North River? A.—I do not know whether I did or not.

Q.—Did you propose they should take any part in the general order business and pay for it? A.—I do not know; I did not have it then.

Q.—Did you tell them that you had "knocked the Miller & Conger arrangement into a cocked hat?" A.—I do not recollect.

Q.—Did you tell them that Miller & Conger had bought the business for $40,000, and that you had gone to Mr. Smythe and offered him $50,000, or any other sum? A.—I told them so; it was not so, for I never did; but I do not recollect telling them so.

Q.—Did you not tell them that after making that offer you went out of town and knew when to come back? A.—I don't recollect any such thing.

Q.—Did you say anything to them about Thompson? A.—Not that I remember of.

Q.—Did you not tell them that they could charge the merchants as they pleased? and that you would take the responsibility of seeing their bills through? A.—I don't believe I ever did; I believe it is a lie if they said so.

Q.—In all your interviews with Mr. Smythe or Mr. Thompson, was the name of Senator Patterson or of Senator Doolittle introduced? A.—Never, that I recollect of.

Q.—Do you know George F. Thompson? A.—Yes; I know him, I think; I know a man they call Thompson—George Thompson; don't know whether there is an F. in his name.

Q.—Do you swear whether you do or not? A.—I will swear I think I do.

Q.—Do you know whether you do or not? A.—I do not know whether there is an F. in his name or not; I know a man they call George Thompson; can't tell you anything about him; I never knew him until the general order business came up; don't know who introduced him, or if he introduced himself.

TESTIMONY OF SURVEYOR WAKEMAN.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 9, 1867.

Abram Wakeman sworn and examined: Q.—What is your position? A.—I am Surveyor of the Port of New-York.

Q.—How long have you been Surveyor? A.—I think it was in September, 1864, I was appointed.

Q.—Have you ever had any conversation with the present Collector, Mr. Smythe, as to the General Order business? A.—I think not.

Q.—Has he ever said to you, at any time, that he had disposed of it or sold it; and if so, to whom? A.—I think I never had any conversation with the Collector upon the subject of the General Order business.

Q.—Did you ever hear Mr. Smythe say he had sold the General Order business or the cartage business, or words of like import? A.—I had a conversation with Mr. Smythe sometime I think last Summer, and this cartage business came up; I will state that conversation as near as I can, not undertaking to give the exact language of either himself or myself: I called at his office and had a conversation with him on some official matters, after which, as near as I can remember now, he said: "I am about selling out this transfer cartage business; what do you think of it?" I hesitated before I made any reply, and then said: "Do you say selling it, Mr. Collector?" He replied "Yes." I remarked, or made the inquiry, "Is there any law that authorizes a sale of this interest?" He replied that he understood that was the usage and practice; I replied I knew of no such law, and continuing, said: "Let me confidentially say to you, Mr. Collector, that I think the disposition of any such interest as that, if not in direct contravention of law, seems to me to be imprudent and unwise." He then asked me "how are we to pay these political requisitions that are made upon us from time to time?" I said I knew no other way except to pay them out of our own pockets; he then said he understood that had been the source from which such funds had been received; I replied that it was not so to my knowledge; I then remarked to him in general terms, "Mr. Collector, let me say to you in confidence, and as a friend, that such a sale, in my judgement, would be unwise; and allow me to say to you, if you receive one dollar from that source, or allow it to be received, I am afraid it will end in trouble;" I remember I used these words—"It will bring around your head a hornet's nest;" I also pressed upon him its inexpediency, on the ground that it would practically place that branch of the service out of his control; I said it needed reform, but that was not the way to reform it; I told him the general order business, and said that much good could be done there, and that if properly investigated I thought 30 per cent. could be saved in the rates of storage; that when the late Mr. King was Collector I examined the subject, and found the rates could be largely reduced; I remarked that the overhauling of this department, and the lowering of these rates would be one of the most popular measures which he could inaugurate; he said he would look into the whole matter, and that, I think, terminated the conversation; I have no recollection of having spoken to him upon the subject from that time to this.

Q.—Had you ever a conversation with Mr. Embree on the subject. A.—Never.

Q.—Or with Mr. Brown, the Collector's private Secretary? A.—Not to my recollection.

Q.—Did Mr. Smythe in the course of this conversation to which you have referred, say that he was in treaties for a sale of it, or had made a proposition to sell it for a specific sum, that you objected to the sale, or anything of that kind? A.—I think that idea was introduced in the course of conversation, but I have not clear recollection of the language used; now, it occurs to me that he said a fund could be thus raised for political purposes, and that he could receive it and pay it out so long as none of it remained in his hands; I said no matter how innocent it might appear to him, yet it was a proceeding I or could recommend him not to adopt.

Q.—You don't know the course he did take? A.—No. He never spoke to me on the subject from that time to this to my knowledge.

Q.—Has it come to your knowledge that the Collector has given orders requesting that the Inspectors of Customs should pass the baggage of passengers from foreign ports without the examination required by law; and if so, state what you know of the matter? A.—Collectors are very often solicited by their friends to facilitate the landing of passengers' baggage; and it has been a common practice for persons acquainted with the Collector to request the same orders to be given to the Inspectors or my deputy. Shortly after Mr. Smythe came into office one or two notes were sent to me; one of them was a direction to pass some person's baggage; I instantly went to the Collector and said to him, that the form of the note was such that it would contravene the regulations of the department as well as the law; and I said, I suppose you did not intend making an order in opposition to the regulations; he said, certainly not, he only wanted me to extend such facilities as the law allowed; I remarked it would be well to put it in some such form as this, "To extend such facilities to the passengers as the law and the regulations would warrant;" subsequently to that he sent notes frequently to my deputy or some of my subordinates, but what the contents were I cannot say, but I presume they were in accordance with my suggestions; on several occasions, when I visited the piers in the discharge of my duties, I found baggage passed in a manner that did not meet my approbation; on inquiry I would be informed that it was done under an order or request from the Collector; but I directed in these cases that the examination should be made as the law required; on one occasion, on the arrival of the French steamer, I remember going on the dock and saw a large quantity of baggage being passed; on making inquiry I was told the baggage belonged to a gentleman who had an order from the Collector to pass it without delay; I then asked Mr. Van Boskirck, and he said it was done by the direction of the Collector.

Q.—This direction then would mean without examination? A.—In that case that was the construction put upon it; these were the only two cases brought directly to my knowledge; I positively prohibited my officers passing baggage without proper examination, and I insisted that every man's baggage should be treated alike—that is, opened and examined—and that the provisions of the law should be carried out; it is a matter which has given me much annoyance and trouble.

Q.—Is the force of your department limited by law? A.—The number of Inspectors I have understood to be limited; but under a recent order those that were called special aids have been sworn in as Inspectors; but I don't know under what law it is done.

Q.—Are any of these supernumeraries? A.—None of them.

Q.—Are there any persons on the pay roll who are rendering merely nominal service? A.—Not to my knowledge; there is a difference in the extent of the labor devolving upon some of the positions; for instance, we assign persons to districts where at sometimes there is very busy, and at others they have not so much to do; I am opposed to sinecures, and there are none in my department.

Q.—Was there not a man named Bevins appointed, and was it not understood he was to do no duty or anything else but to draw his pay? A.—No, Sir; Mr. Bevins was Inspector, and Mr. Draper turned him out; he was out for a long time, and his friends urged me to appoint him in the Detention room; I said I would appoint him on the express understanding that he would do his duty; I believe he was appointed and remained in some few months, and did his duty to a certain extent, but not to my satisfaction, so I told him he must leave, and I have not seen him since.

Q.—How long ago is that? A.—About a year and a half ago.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 17, 1867.

Abram Wakeman recalled and examined

BY THE CHAIRMAN.

Q.—Have there been a good many changes or removals among the attaches or employes of your department of the Custom-house? A.—In my department we have had very few removals, and only for cause.

Q.—Why was Timothy C. Dwight removed? A.—I do not know.

Q.—Who was he removed by? A.—By the Secretary of the Treasury, I suppose.

Q.—In regard to changes among the Inspectors? A.—The fact is that the list, numbering two hundred a large number of changes have been made must necessarily affect the system, as experience is a very great requisite, and to change experienced and put in their places inexperienced men must necessarily derange the service more or less.

Q.—Have you any additional suggestions to give the Committee in regard to Mr. Bevins? A.—I find that Mr. Bevins was appointed an Inspector under Mr. Barney Oct. 1, 1862, and was removed on Dec. 26, 1864, by Mr. Draper; during the time I was in office he was assigned to a district in connection with another officer, and his duties were thoroughly performed as I should desire; the duties of district officers are more or less occasional, and he was removed, as I remarked, by Mr. Draper, but was appointed in my department April 6, 1865, after a long application; the reason he was not earlier appointed was that I feared he would not be able to give the attention to the duties that I required; upon the express terms that he would perform his duties according to the regulations of the department, I appointed him, with the consent of the Secretary of the Treasury; he continued after that to do more or less duty until finally his duties not being performed as to my satisfaction, and I suppose I must say for him to come to my office, and I said to him that the duties of the position were not properly fulfilled, and that he should either resign or perform his duties according to the regulations; Hon. Wm. A. Darling was present at that interview; Bevins turned to Mr. Darling and said that it was rather hard that he was refused to do duty, but he then not do it in the manner I required; Mr. Darling said to him the Surveyor is bound to have the duties of his office properly performed, and it you cannot do your duty properly you should resign; he said "boss if you say so, I will resign;" Mr. Darling said "you had better;" I said "you must choose which you will do," and he said "I will resign;" that was in August, 1865, and since then he has had no connection with my department.

MILITARY GOVERNMENTS BILL.

THE PRESIDENT'S VETO.

He Returns the Bill to Provide More Efficient Government for the Rebel States Without His Signature.

To the House of Representatives:

I have examined the bill "to provide for the more efficient government of the rebel States" with the care and anxiety which its transcendent importance is calculated to awaken. I am unable to give it my assent, for reasons so grave that I hope a statement of them may have some influence on the minds of the patriotic and enlightened men with whom the decision must ultimately rest.

The bill places all the people of the ten States therein named under the absolute domination of military rules, and the preamble undertakes to give the reasons upon which it is justified.

It declares that there exists in those States no legal Governments, and no adequate protection for life or property, and asserts the necessity of enforcing peace and good order within their limits. Is this true as a matter of fact? It is not denied that the States in question have each of them an actual Government, with all the powers—executive, judicial and legislative—which properly belong to a free State. They are organized like the other States of the Union, and like them they make, administer and execute the laws which concern their domestic affairs. An existing *de facto* Government, exercising such functions as these, is itself the law of the State upon all matters within its jurisdiction. To pronounce the supreme law making power of an established State illegal, is to say that law itself is unlawful. The provisions which these Governments have made for the preservation of order, the suppression of crime, and the redress of private injuries, are in substance and principle the same as those which prevail in the Northern States and in other civilized countries. They certainly have not succeeded in preventing the commission of all crime, nor has this been accomplished anywhere in the world. There as well as elsewhere offenders sometimes escape for want of vigorous prosecution, and occasionally perhaps by the inefficiency of Courts or the prejudice of jurors. It is undoubtedly true that these evils have been much increased and exaggerated, North and South, by the demoralizing influences of civil war, and by the rancorous passions which the contest has engendered; but that these people are maintaining local Governments for themselves which habitually defeat the object of all government and render their own lives and property insecure, is in itself utterly improbable, and the averment of the bill to that effect is not supported by any evidence which has come to my knowledge. All the information I have on the subject convinces me that the masses of the Southern people and those who control their public acts, while they entertain diverse opinions on questions of Federal policy, are completely united in the effort to reorganize their society on the basis of peace, and to restore their mutual prosperity as rapidly and as completely as their circumstances will permit. The bill, however, would seem to show upon its face that the establishment of peace and good order is not its real object.

The fifth section declares that the preceding sections shall cease to operate in any State where certain events shall have happened. These events are: first, the selection of delegates to a State Convention, by an election at which negroes shall be allowed to vote; second, the formation of a State Constitution by the convention so chosen; toird, the insertion into the State Constitution of a provision which will secure the right of voting at all elections to negroes and to such white men as may not be disfranchised for rebellion or felony; fourth, the submission of the Constitution for ratification to negroes and white men not disfranchised and its actual ratification by their vote; fifth, the submission of the State Constitution to Congress for examination and approval; sixth, the adoption of a constitutional amendment to the Federal Constitution by a vote of the Legislature elected under the new Constitution; seventh, the adoption of said amendment by a sufficient number of other States to make it a part of the Constitution of the United States. All these conditions must be fulfilled before the people of any of these States can be relieved from the bondage of military domination; but when they are fulfilled them immediately the pains and penalties of the bill are to cease, no matter whether there be peace and order or not, and without any reference to the security of life and property. The excuse given for the bill in the preamble is admitted by the bill itself not to be real. The military rule which it establishes is plainly to be used not for any purpose of order or for the prevention of crime, but solely as a means of coercing the people into the adoption of principles and measures to which it is known that they are opposed, and upon which they have an undeniable right to exercise their own judgment.

I submit to Congress whether this measure is not, in its whole character, scope and object, without precedent and without authority in our history. In substance it establishes military domination, and utterly destructive to those great principles of liberty and humanity, for which our ancestors on both sides of the Atlantic shed so much blood and expended so much treasure.

The ten States named in the bill are divided into five districts, for each district an officer of the army, not below the rank of Brigadier-General, is to be appointed to rule over the people, and he is to be supported with an efficient military force to enable him to perform his duties and enforce his authority. Those duties and that authority, as defined by the third section of the bill, are to protect all persons in their rights of person and property; to suppress insurrection, disorder and violence, and to punish or cause to be punished all disturbers of the public peace or criminals. The power thus given to the commanding officer over all the people of each district is that of an absolute monarch. His mere will is to take the place of all law. The law of the States is now the only rule applicable to the subjects placed under his control, and that is completely displaced by the clause which declares all interference of the State authority to be null and void. He alone is permitted to determine what are the rights of person or property, and he may protect them in such way as in his discretion may seem proper. It places at his free disposal all the lands and goods in his district, and he may distribute them, without let or hindrance, to whom he pleases. Being bound by no State law, and there being no other law to regulate the subject, he may make a criminal code of his own, and he can make it as bloody as any recorded in history, or he can reserve the privilege of acting upon the impulse of his private passions in each case that arises. He is bound by no rules of evidence; there is indeed no provision by which he is authorized or required to take evidence at all. Everything is a crime which he pronounces to be such, and all persons are condemned whom he pronounces to be guilty. He is not bound to make any report, or keep any record of his proceedings. He may arrest his victims wherever he finds them, without warrant, accusation or proof of probable cause. If he gives them a trial before he inflicts the punishment, he gives it of his grace and mercy, not because he is commanded so to do. To a casual reader of the bill it might seem that some kind of trial was secured by it to persons accused of crime, but such is not the case. The officer may allow local civil tribunals to try offenders, but of course this does not require that he shall do so.

If any State or Federal Court presume to exercise its legal jurisdiction by the trial of a malefactor, without his special permission, he can break it up, and punish the Judges and Jurors as being themselves malefactors. He can save his friends from justice, and despoil his enemies contrary to justice. It is also provided that he shall have power to organize Military Commissions or tribunals, but this power he is not commanded to exercise. The power is permissive, and is to be used only when, in his judgment, it may be necessary for the trial of offenders. Even if the sentence of a Commission were made a prerequisite to the punishment of a party, it would be scarcely the slightest check upon the officer, who has authority to organize it as he pleases, prescribe its mode of proceeding, appoint its members from among his own subordinates, and revise all its decisions. Instead of *mitigating* the harshness of his single rules, such a tribunal would be used much more, probably, to divide the responsibility of making it more cruel and unjust.

Several provisions dictated by the humanity of Congress have been inserted in the bill, apparently to restrain the power of the

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NEW-YORK, MONDAY, MARCH 4, 1867.

Amusements this Evening.

NIBLO'S GARDEN.
Broadway, between Prince and Houston sts.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 7½ o'clock, an original and grand spectacular Drama, entitled THE BLACK CROOK.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.
Broadway, between Houston and Bleecker sts.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 7½ o'clock, STREETS OF NEW-YORK, with a cast embracing John K. Mortimore.

NEW-YORK THEATRE.
Broadway, near 30th-st.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 8 o'clock, PERSEUS AND ANDROMEDA, and NINE POINTS OF THE LAW. Characters by Messrs. Mark Smith, Lewis Baker, Mrs. Smylie and members of the company.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.
Broadway, corner 13th-st.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 8 o'clock, A DANGEROUS GAME. Characters by Messrs. J. W. Wallack, Jonn Gilbert, Robinson, Holland, Young, Miss Madeline Henriques, Mrs. Clara Jennings, Miss Mary Barrett, Miss Fanny Green, Miss M. Scott.

WINTER GARDEN.
Broadway, between Bleecker and Amity sts.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 7 o'clock, MERCHANT OF VENICE. Characters by Edwin Booth, Mme. Methua Scheller, Mr. Barton Hill, Mr. J. Gotthold and a powerful cast.

BROADWAY THEATRE.
Broadway.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 8 o'clock, MR. AND MRS. BARNEY WILLIAMS IN IRISH AND YANKEE LIFE. THE FAIRY CIRCLE and IN AND OUT OF PLACE.

BOWERY THEATRE.
Bowery, between Bayard and Canal sts.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 7 o'clock, TIMOUR THE TARTAR, THE RIVAL CHIEFTAIN and other pieces. Characters by G. L. Fox, W. H. Whaley, Miss Fanny Herring and C. K. Fox.

BARNUM'S NEW MUSEUM.
Broadway between Spring and Prince sts.
THIS AFTERNOON at 2, and EVENING at 7½, CHRISTIAN MARTYRS. A LARGE COLLECTION OF LIVING WILD ANIMALS. GORDON GUMMING'S COLLECTION. Dwarf. Fat Boy, 200,000 Curiosities.

NEW-YORK CIRCUS.
14th-st., opposite Academy of Music.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 8 o'clock, Magnificent Horse Comedy, EQUESTRIAN FAIRY SPECTACLE, SPRITE OF THE SILVER SHOWER, ACROBATIC FEATS AND GROUPINGS, HINDOO MIRACLES, &c.

NEW FIFTH-AVENUE OPERA HOUSE.
Adjoining Fifth-avenue Hotel.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 8 o'clock, George Christy every night, Chas. Benedict and Oscar Burbank. THE BLACK CROOK, PALACE OF DEW-DROPS and THE GREAT OCEAN YACHT RACE.

KELLY & LEON'S MINSTRELS,
No. 720 Broadway.
THIS EVENING, CINDER-LEON, DEMON DANCE, SONGS, DANCES, BURLESQUES, &c.

STEINWAY HALL,
Nos. 71 and 73 East 14th-st.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 8 o'clock, FAREWELL CONCERT OF SIGNOR LOTTI.
THIS AFTERNOON, commencing at 3 o'clock, SEVERINI & PEASE'S FOURTH MORNING CONCERT.

DODWORTH'S HALL,
Broadway, opposite 11th-street.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 8 o'clock, M. HARTZ, THE ILLUSIONIST. MIRACULOUS ILLUSIONS; PROTEUS.

UNION HALL,
Broadway and 32d-st.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 7½ o'clock, BUNYAN TABLEAUX, largest panorama in the world, illustrating Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress.

DERBY FINE ARTS GALLERY,
No. 625 Broadway.
THIS DAY and EVENING, now on exhibition, Rothermel's great historical picture, THE REPUBLICAN COURT IN THE DAYS OF LINCOLN.

BROOKLYN ACADEMY OF MUSIC.
Montague-st.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 8 o'clock, THE MESSIAH.

BROOKLYN ATHENÆUM,
Atlantic-st., corner Clinton.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 8 o'clock, THE PEAK FAMILIES—Vocalists, Harpists, Violinist and Swiss Bell-ringers.

Congress Yesterday.

After sitting until 8 o'clock on Sunday morning, both Houses met again last evening, and disposed of the most of the important bills on their tables.

The most interesting feature for this City was the report on the alleged frauds in the New-York Custom-house. This document we print entire, adding to it other most important parts of the evidence taken, including the testimony of Collector SMYTHE, Surveyor WAKEMAN and others.

We also print on the third page the veto of the Military Government Bill, which was repassed on Saturday.

Both Houses will meet this morning and speedily finish their work.

The President and the Reconstruction Bill.

There is much in the Veto Message on the Reconstruction Bill which it is not easy to gainsay. The constitutional obstacles which present themselves at the outset of the discussion are stated clearly and impressively, if not convincingly. The extraordinary assumption of power by Congress which lies at the root of the measure—the despotic character of the military government which it sets up—the onerous conditions which are imposed upon the work of reconstruction—the disabilities that are to be enforced in all preliminary proceedings—and the shock that must follow the transfer of political power from whites to blacks—are points on which the President dwells with plausibility and a certain force. He does not exaggerate when he alleges that the plan is pregnant with practical as well as constitutional difficulties; that it conflicts with many cherished ideas of republican government, and that, after all, it fails to insure reconstruction, immediate or remote, on the basis indicated.

And yet, as emanating from President JOHNSON, the argument does not carry conviction. Abstractly, and considered without reference to antecedent action, it is unquestionably strong. Practically, in view of the President's own action, it amounts to comparatively little. These Southern Governments, which for the purposes of his argument are assumed to be constitutional, regular and effective, are but the work of his hands, leaving no inherent vitality and resting upon no conceded right. Congress simply undoes what he has done, repudiates his claim to dictate terms of reorganization, and restores things to the relation in which the exercise of his authority commenced. The Southern people may fairly complain that Congress has deferred its interference until now—that after apparently acquiescing in the results of the President's proceedings, it now annuls them, and imposes totally different conditions. With much appearance of justice, they may object to the measure as at variance with the Constitution and with sound policy—as harsh, tyrannical, and full of difficulty and peril. But President JOHNSON is estopped by his own words and deeds. Whatever the South may say on the subject, he argues a case which his acts have decided against him. The power exercised by Congress in the premises is identical with the power he exercised on the close of the rebellion. So far as he is concerned, the question at issue relates rather to the agency exercising authority than to the authority itself. And upon this point the people have pronounced a decision from which there is no appeal. They have decided that the final solution of the reconstruction problem belongs to Congress, not to the President; and nothing can be gained by a controversy of which this is the essential part.

For the same reason, that other argument which is predicated on the condition of Southern society, really is a matter of opinion, not of logic. The President assumes as a fact that law and order prevail throughout the South, that justice is impartially administered, that the freedmen and loyal white men are adequately protected, and that there is no reason for finding fault with the operation of existing civil authority. Congress assumes exactly the opposite of all this, with this important difference—that its estimate of the position is fortified by the testimony of Generals commanding Southern districts, whose competency to judge cannot be denied, and whose standing precludes the imputation of partisanship. The States represented in Congress hold that interference is necessary to secure the more complete maintenance of law and order, the more thorough protection of the loyal population, and the application of political equality and justice; as against their legislative action, of what avail is the contrary hypothesis?

Except for the purpose of vindicating his consistency and showing how tenaciously he clings to his interpretation of law and duty, the President might have spared himself the reproduction of his plea for the immediate and unconstitutional admission of loyal members from the South. In the connection in which the plea appears it reads marvelously like irony, for not even the President could hope that Congress would now reverse its method and tacitly substitute that which most of us have for months considered dead and buried.

The whole message conveys the idea of great earnestness on the part of its author. We should have been glad had it been confined to an exhibit of his own views, instead of expanding into a general arraignment of the authority and policy of Congress. We had hoped, too, that the President would deem it compatible with his duty to qualify his rejection of the measure with a frank, conciliatory acceptance of the situation as he must have known it would be, notwithstanding his veto. Of the integrity of his motives we have no doubt. But since it is plain that the only road to the reconstruction of the Union is that which Congress marks out and controls, no good can result from a denial of its right or from resistance to its policy.

The measure is now law, made so over the veto by majorities so large that the South can hope for nothing from the contingencies of party warfare. We trust that Mr. REVERDY JOHNSON's information is correct, and that it is the purpose of the Southern States to organize under this law. Thus, and thus only, may they escape the severity, the irritation, and the dangers of the military government which will meanwhile dominate over them.

The Tenure of Office Bill.

The bill regulating the tenure of civil officers appointed with the consent of the Senate, has become law over the President's veto.

By this measure the appointing power of the Executive is greatly circumscribed. It deprives him of the power of removing civil officers whose appointments come before the Senate for confirmation; or rather limits the exercise of the power to cases in which the Senate concur. And in this provision the Cabinet advisers of the President are included.

It has been supposed that the veto would hinge upon this particular application of the principle, as an infraction of a privilege always accorded to the Executive by reason of the confidential relations in which the Cabinet officers stand. But the message takes exception to the whole scope of the bill, as an invasion of the power of removal which by the usage of the Government has been vested exclusively in the President. It is admitted, however, that though this usage has been sustained by STORY and KENT and other eminent interpreters of the Constitution, its validity has always virtually rested upon the decision of Congress, speaking through majorities, and has as constantly been disputed by statesmen of admitted weight. A Constitution which one majority affirmed may, then, be reversed by another majority without wrong; and this is what the expiring Congress has done.

So far as it imparts a certain permanence to qualified occupants of civil offices, the bill effects a desirable reform. A more satisfactory measure would be that of Mr. JENCKES, which would leave the entire civil service of the country out of the slough of politics, and secure an amount of efficiency at present unattainable. But the step now taken is an advance, excepting only in its bearing upon the Cabinet; and in that respect it has the appearance of being aimed at Mr. JOHNSON. His Message would have been stronger in argument, though perhaps not more effective in Congress, had it applied solely to this point, instead of ranging over a wide ground, where, on his own showing, Congress has a right to legislate untrammelled by precedent or the dicta of commentators.

Amusements.

LOTTI'S CONCERT.—Signor LOTTI, one of the most conscientious artists we have with us, is about to go to Europe. To-night he gives a farewell concert, assisted by able and popular musicians, at Steinway Hall. We trust he will have a bumper.

"SAMSON" ORATORIO.—To-morrow night Mr. HARRISON will give the grand orstorio, "Samson," at Steinway Hall. The solo parts are intrusted to the thoroughly competent artists who so beautifully sang the *morceaux* in the "Messiah" last week. Mr. HARRISON's enterprise in putting these great works upon the stage in so large and perfect a manner entitles him to the gratitude and recognition of every lover of sacred music in the land.

The "Messiah" will be sung to-night in Brooklyn, precisely as it was given here with PAREPA, SIMPSON and THOMAS, the grand orchestra and the chorus of the Harmonic Society.

MARTHA in BROOKLYN; The people of Brooklyn are always in luck, and to-morrow night they continue their streak by enjoying the first performance of the operatic season. Miss KELLOGG, Mme. TESTA, BARAGLI, ANTONUCCI and MILLER will interpret the beauties of "Martha," and the house will greet their pets with the customary enthusiasm without the shadow of a doubt.

CHURCH CONCERT; Miss RILLA E. BRONSON, a very capable and striving young artist, will give a grand concert this evening at the New-England Congregational Church in Williamsburgh.

THE CHARITY BALL TO-NIGHT.—Charity is twice blessed, and a charity ball is a blessed illustration of the adage. We are jostled by poor devils every hour of the day, who are in trouble, hard up, can't make two ends meet, and go hungry often. To help such people is a duty, it should be a pleasure; and in order that there may be no question about the pleasure part of the business, the better-off citizens of New-York are invited to attend a ball this evening at the Academy, where they can dance charity till 6 o'clock to-morrow morning. A few tickets are unsold; it would be a shame if any were left. A list of managers several pages long is prepared and neatly printed on the tickets. Of any of the parties named, and of Mr. LEARY, the Chairman, tickets can be procured.

SEVERIN AND PEASE.—At 3 o'clock to-day these estimable artists will give another of the delightful *matinées* for which the Steinway Rooms are becoming noted.

Sailing of the Belgian.

PORTLAND, Me., Sunday, March 3.

The steamship *Belgian*, Capt. BROWN, sailed at 8 o'clock this morning for Liverpool.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

The Closing Hours of the Thirty-Ninth Congress.

A Confusion of Conference Committees.

Saturday's Session Extended to Monday.

The Judiciary Committee Report Upon Impeachment.

Large Number of Confirmations and Rejections by the Senate.

Gen. Dix Confirmed as Minister to France.

Sunday Evening's Session and its Work.

Nearly All the Important Bills Disposed of.

Special Dispatches to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, March 3—Midnight.

The last hours of the Thirty-ninth Congress wear on apace. But a few moments since business was so dull, and the aspect of affairs so stupid, that members bethought themselves of an early adjournment and their comfortable beds. Suggestions of adjournment were even audibly made, when the Speaker caught the word and informed the House that if such a motion was carried before morning, several important Appropriation bills must necessarily fail, as the entire clerical force of the Capitol was at work enrolling the bills, and that the enrollment of the Tax Bill alone would require twenty hours, and that unless the important bills were finished, so that they could be presented to the President before Sunday night, he would be obliged to sign them without reading them. So the House settles down into an easy, leisurely condition for an all-night session. Up to this hour the galleries have maintained their quota of spectators, but now they begin to thin out, and the black cloud which is *vis-a-vis* to the reporters' desks, begins to dispose itself for a nap and a night's free lodging. Three ladies are left, who seem determined to see it out with a woman's persistency. The members soon scatter in search of refreshments, correspondents follow their example, and it does not require much sagacity to discover sundry well-filled tables. There is a spread in the Post-office, another in the cloak-room, another in the document-room, while in the room of the Committee on Military Affairs a genial and wholesouled New-Yorker, whose name can be guessed if I say S. G. W., has provided a repast worthy of his generous heart. The disorder of coffee and luncheon on the desks of members is thereby avoided, good nature prevails and legislation drags its slow length along. The reporters' gallery keeps its ranks unusually full, and the smokers therein do what the Speaker has just reproved several members for doing, viz., smoke with impunity.

One and a half o'clock A. M.—I suppose by the calendar that it is Sunday; but by the Legislative calendar it is Saturday, and will be until high noon on Monday, when the Thirty-ninth will be no more. Some sensitive members are quietly discussing the propriety of legislation on the Sabbath day, and Rev. Mr. HENDERSON, who represents the whole State of Oregon, takes his hat and coat and retires, a martyr to his convictions. The Senate went into Executive Session at 11 P. M., and are there yet. Some glimmers of their action have come out when the doors have opened, and it is reported that COWAN has been spared the pain of a formal rejection, and been quietly laid on the table. SANFORD, to Belgium, is rejected, and DIX, to France, after a long contest, is confirmed. A large list of appointments yet remain for action.

Two A. M.—The House has been having a racy time for the past half hour on the Deficiency Bill, the last section being the bone of contention. It appropriates a round million to settle certain claims of the Choctaw Indians, and the charge of "rebel" is raised against them on all sides. The debate grows fierce, but the Choctaws are stricken out, and an Indian Agent on the floor evaporates. GILES HOTCHKISS, of New-York, for the nineteenth time, proposes his amendment to exempt beet and sugar machinery from duty, which he don't get in, but he does get the House into a snarl, and they have several hearty laughs at his expense.

Two-forty A. M.—WOODBRIDGE, from the Judiciary Committee, makes a report on the arrest of JOHN H. SURRATT, which brings the House to a strict attention for the first time since the reading of the veto message in the afternoon. The voluble Mr. LE BLOND objects, as usual, but the report is read, a brief colloquy ensues, and it is ordered to be printed. Mr. HULBURD follows with the New-York Custom-house report, which gets in smoothly, and is supposed to contain a great many racy things. The testimony does, if the report does not. Mr. JAS. F. WILSON, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, at the hour of 2:45, A. M., presents the long-looked for impeachment report. It recites simply what has been heretofore printed in the TIMES; that much has been done, that the time has been too limited for thorough action, and that the developments thus far demand the continuance of the investigation which they earnestly recommend. A minority report by JACK ROGERS is submitted through Mr. ANCONA, in which he assents that the Committee has done its best, but failed to procure a particle of evidence that would be competent in a Justice's Court. Mr. ROGERS is not in his seat, and some members suggest that he is at work on another report, which is laughed at, as he is not largely in that business. Like Mr. LE BLOND, he bids farewell to the House on Monday. The reports are ordered printed.

Three-thirty A. M.—Mr. CONKLING, from the third Committee of Conference on the Legislative, Judicial and Executive Appropriation Bill, makes a report announcing a third disagreement, the Senate still insisting upon the point that the House has no right to fix the compensation of its own employes. By resolution the House insists that it has, and on this three conferences have split. After much debate the report is agreed to. The House refuses to recede from its position, and a fourth conference is ordered. From the temper of the House it looks very much as though this bill would be lost, which Mr. CONKLING says is not of much consequence, although it appropriates eleven millions.

Five A. M.—The House is getting weary. The sleepers in the gallery are two to each bench, and look like corpses on a battle-field. Strong coffee and strong other things have kept the House in good temper, and in fair business order; but daylight is streaking the horizon, and some sensitive gentlemen are nervous about being discovered here by the church-goers, so they talk about adjournment again. But the Speaker replies that while he is profoundly sensible of the feelings which prompt the motions to adjourn, he deems it his duty to inform members what will be the effect of adjournment upon the public business. Its effect will be, he says, to cause the loss of several important bills. The motion to adjourn is withdrawn, and the business goes on. The fourth conference on the Legislative Bill is appointed, Messrs. POMEROY, ALLISON and LE BLOND.

Five forty-five A. M.—The Senate has come out of Executive Session, where it has been ever since 11 P. M. COWAN's nomination was laid on the table by 24 to 10. DIX was confirmed, and SANDFORD rejected. A host of others have also gone through the mill, and less than half have come out in shape to assume official mantles. The Senate takes up the Deficiency Bill just in from the House.

Six thirty A. M.—After half an hour spent in squeamish discussion as to whether this is really Sunday or not, it is resolved that when the House adjourns, it take a recess until this evening at 8 o'clock. A resolution to appropriate $25,000 for the relief of the colored poor of the District of Columbia, comes up from the Speaker's table, and Mr. HOTCHKISS makes a frantic effort to have it passed, but the Republicans are afraid of the political effect of using money in this way, and the freedmen having got the ballot, the bill is voted down. The fourth and last Conference on the Legislative Bill comes in and reports another disagreement; the Senate insists, and Mr. MORRILL makes an appeal to members against allowing such a bill to fail because a single amendment, which affects only the House itself, is disputed. He moves that the House recede, and demands the previous question. Tellers are appointed, and the House votes to recede by a large majority and the bill is passed.

Seven A. M.—The conference on the Sundry Civil Expenses Appropriation Bill report an agreement. The most important feature is the abolition of the office of Superintendent of Public Buildings; a civil engineer is to take his place, and the appointments of Capitol Police are hereafter to be made by the Sergeants-at-arms of the Senate and House. The report is agreed to.

Seven-fifteen A. M.—The sleepers in the gallery are waking up. One female spectator, out for an early walk, has just dropped into the eastern gallery, and looks with astonishment at the scene below. Movements to adjourn are still pending, but Mr. KASSON promises to have the Naval Appropriation Bill back in half an hour, and the House proceeds to business on the Speaker's table. Mr. ALLEY gets in a resolution, under suspension of the rules, to subject shoe-strings and shoe-lastings to the same duty as lastings in the piece or pattern. The House is in good humor, entertains the resolution, and gives Mr. POMEROY an opportunity to offer Mr. HOTCHKISS' everlasting beet-sugar amendment. Both are agreed to and passed. The confusion wears upon the Speaker, who reminds the House, in his kindly way, that it is the Sabbath, and that there are the gravest reasons for preserving decorum.

Seven and a half A. M.—Mr. HIGBY, of California, appeals to members to allow him to take up a land grant bill for the Stockton and Copperopolis Railroad. He asks the courtesy because he has asked nothing before, and reminds members that his State will not be represented after to-morrow. Members object to such a bill being passed at this hour of the session, but the rules are suspended, and after half an hour of explanations and confused talk the bill is passed.

The Senate has been engaged for the past two hours on the same routine business as the House, but because of their long Executive session they are not as well up with their work, but matters are being pushed with much energy by that stern, irrascible, and most thorough legislator, Senator FESSENDEN, and the Senators keep wide awake and lose none of their firmness or wily regard for their own interests in the frequent conferences with the House. They have beaten that body twice since noon on two important measures, viz.: the Loan Certificate and the Legislative Appropriation Bills.

Eight ten A. M.—Mr. KASSON, from the Conference Committee on the Naval Appropriation bill, reports an agreement, which is promptly ratified. This leaves only the Fortification Appropriation Bill in conference, and the Deficiency Bill yet unfinished in the Senate. There are several bills on the Speaker's table, but as the engrossing clerks cannot see daylight through their work for hours to come, the House at eight twenty A. M. gladly adjourns to indulge in breakfast, sermons and sleep. The attendance has been unusually large all night, and the order has been all that the most fastidious could desire. This evening, when the church-bells ring, Congress will resume its work, and the Journal will call it Saturday.

THE SUNDAY EVENING SESSION.

Notwithstanding a disagreeable sleet and snow-storm, the galleries of the House were crowded at an early hour to-night, the number of ladies being much larger than usual. Mr. STEVENS obtained the floor immediately after the Speaker had taken the chair, and made a personal explanation, in which he denounced the story of a conversation in which it was alleged that he participated and which was published in the Cincinnati *Commercial*, as an outrageous lie. It will be remembered that the story referred to included a statement that Mr. STEVENS favored the impeachment of Gen. GRANT, and was leagued with ASHLEY, BUTLER and others for that purpose, which was denied in these dispatches at the time; but it seems that he has been troubled with many inquiries regarding the affair since then, and consequently embraced the first opportunity afforded him to officially denounce it as a base lie. More than an hour's time was wasted, after Mr. STEVENS had resumed his seat, in the consideration of a bill appropriating $100,000 to the inventor of a postage stamp cancelling machine, which was laid on the table. Another hour was spent in debate on the proposition to print 1,500 copies of the Congressional dictionary for the use of the House. Mr. SCHENCK and others exposed the black-mailing schemes of the author in obtaining support for his bill, and it was laid on the table. A large amount of other unimportant business was transacted. The House took a recess until 9 o'clock to-morrow.

COMMISSION TO PREPARE A NEW TARIFF BILL.

It is understood that a commission to revise and report a tariff bill next Winter will be appointed at the first session of the Fortieth Congress. It will be composed of several of the best-posted members, together with Commissioner WELLS, who favors the proposition. Should it succeed, it will be productive of the very best results, and the country may yet get a tariff based upon sound principle.

TARIFF ON WOOL.

The wool tariff which, was passed by the House last July, and which passed the Senate yesterday, is generally regarded as a sharp triumph of Western interests at the expense of the East. The West gets this protection without any bargain to vote for Eastern interests, as has been the case heretofore; and the strength of a general tariff may be regarded as weakened to the extent that these interests have thus far worked together. There is excellent reason for believing that the President will subject the bill to a pocket veto.

THE RESULT OF FINANCIAL LEGISLATION.

The result of the financial legislation of Congress is summed up in the simple proposition to redeem fifty millions of compound interest notes in fifty milhons three per cent. certificates. The strong majority in the House against contraction was completely out-generaled by their opponents in the Conference Committee. The Senate managers were all contractionists, as well as Mr. POMEROY, the Chairman of the House Banking Committee. Messrs. STEVENS and PRICE, both able men, represented the House majority, and, to everybody's surprise, they were induced to accept fifty millions of certificates, when the Senate was perfectly willing to give a hundred millions. The House agreed to the report by the Speaker's casting vote, and the bill ran the gauntlet of a motion to reconsider afterward, and was only saved by the adroit management of Mr. POMEROY. It cannot be regarded otherwise than as a defeat of the House majority.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS.

The Republican Caucus, preliminary to the organization of the Fortieth Congress, will be held in the hall of the House at 9 o'clock to-morrow.

THE MARYLAND SENATORSHIP.

Among the witnesses recently examined by the Judiciary Committee, were two gentlemen from Virginia, who gave testimony on the impeachment charges and who also testified regarding the alleged payment of interest on Confederate bonds to Gov. SWANN of Maryland. This will account in part for the recent stories afloat respecting the reasons which prompted Gov. SWANN to resign the Senatorship. It is understood that the Legislature of Maryland, will to-morrow elect, or attempt to elect, a Senator in place of Gov. SWANN, resigned, and it is conceded that the choice lies between Ex-Gov. PHILIP FRANCIS and Hon. E. B. JONES.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Up to this hour the President has not nominated a Naval Officer for New-York, nor has he named a Collector of Customs for Boston. A large number of nominations of Federal officers has been sent to the Senate to-night, and about two hundred additional will be sent in to-morrow, most of them Postmasters.

The Collector of the Eighth District of New-York, the largest collection district in the Union save one, will be named to-morrow. There are seventeen applicants for this position.

The President will, it is understood, sign the Bankrupt Bill when it reaches him, but at a late hour to-night it had not come to his hands.

One of the leading features of the House proceedings yesterday was the presentation of the credentials of Mr. T. N. MARQUETTE, member elect from Nebraska, who was then sworn in; another Republican vote was added to the overwhelming majority against the policy of the President. The House subsequently refused to allow him to draw full pay from the time of his election, and he will therefore be entitled to three days per diem and about three thousand dollars for mileage.

The Nebraska Senators declined to swear in yesterday, as they would thereby have rated themselves as members of the Thirty-ninth Congress and have lost two years each of their terms of service. They prefer two years' prospective service and pay to two years' retrospective pay without the service.

THE AMERICAN CHURCH IN ROME.

An official communication has been received from Minister KING, in which he says: There is no truth in the statement that the American chapel had been removed, by direction of the Papal authorities, outside the walls of Rome; and that the American Minister, assenting to the arrangement, had hired a villa where the services were henceforth to be held. A letter from AMOS KENDALL, however, says that a Protestant congregation were required to close their place of worship in Rome, and accordingly sought accommodations outside the walls.

THE ARREST OF SURRATT.

Mr. WOODBRIDGE, late last night, made a report from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom it was referred, on the message of the President communicating a report of the Secretary of State relative to the discovery and arrest of JOHN H. SURRATT. They say that SURRATT sailed from Canada for Liverpool about the middle of September, 1865; that information was received by Secretary SEWARD from Mr. WILDING, then Vice-Consul at Liverpool, by communication dated Sept. 27, 1865, that SURRATT was at that time at Liverpool, or expected there in a day or two, &c. The Committee detailed all the facts intervening before the arrest of the prisoner. They then say whether an indictment was procured. It does not appear from the testimony, but it does appear that no demand for the surrender of SURRATT was ever made upon the English Government from the foregoing and other evidences produced. Upon the investigation your Committee find, first, that the Executive did not send any detective or agent to Liverpool to identify SURRATT, or trace his movements, notwithstanding there was ample opportunity for doing so, as appears from the communication of Mr. POTTER. Second, the Executive did not cause notice to be given to our Minister at Rome that SURRATT intended going there, when the Government had every reason to believe that such was his intention. Third, that on Nov. 24, 1865, an order was issued from the War Department revoking the reward offered for the arrest of SURRATT. Fourth, that from the reception of the communication revoking the order dated Aug. 8, 1866, up to Oct. 16, 1866, no steps were taken either to identify or procure the arrest of SURRATT, then known to be in the military service of the Pope. The testimony of the Secretary of State, the Secretary of War, and others, herewith submitted, explaining and tending to justify the acts of the Government in the premises, does not, in the opinion of your Committee, excuse the great delay in even attempting to arrest a person charged with complicity in the assassination of the late President, and while the Committee do not charge improper motives upon the officers of the Government, they are constrained from the testimony to report that, in their opinion, due diligence in the arrest of SURRATT was not exercised by the Executive Department of the Government.

THIRTY-NINTH CONGRESS.

SECOND SESSION.

SENATE..WASHINGTON, Saturday, March 2.

RIGHTS OF VOLUNTEERS.

Mr. WILSON, from the Conference Committee on the bill declaring and fixing the rights of volunteers in the army of the United States, made a report, which was agreed to.

As agreed to, this bill provides that in enumerating the time served by officers of the regular army appointed from the volunteer service, the length of their service as volunteers shall be counted the same as if it had been in the regular service for all purposes of promotion, increased pay and additional rations, which accrue from length of service.

THE TARIFF BILL.

The Tariff Bill was then taken up, Mr. SHERMAN having last night withdrawn all amendments. The bill before the Senate was the Bingham Bill, which passed the House during the closing hours of the last session, for an increased duty on wool.

Mr. SHERMAN yesterday, instead of this, offered the wool sections of the Senate Tariff Bill of this session, but just before the adjournment last night, he withdrew this, leaving the Bingham Bill, of the House before the Senate.

Mr. CATTELL renewed the amendment, offered yesterday, for an increase of twenty per cent. over the present rates, on all other articles except tea, sugar, molasses and coffee.

Mr. WADE said, while he was in favor of the increase proposed in this amendment, he could not vote for it, for he was assured by members of the other House that to amend the bill would be to defeat it. He thought the best course would be to pass the House bill and then bring in the twenty per cent. resolution as an independent proposition.

Mr. EDMUNDS objected to the hopes or fears of what the House would do, influencing the action of the Senate.

The Chair said it was not in order to allude to the action of the House as Mr. WADE had done.

After further debate, which was generally participated in, the amendment of Mr. CATTELL was disagreed to as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Buckalew, Cattell, Conness, Cragin, Creswell, Edmunds, Fessenden, Foster, Frelinghuysen, Johnson, McDougall, Morgan, Nye, Poland, Ramsay, Sprague, Van Winkle, Wade, Willey, Wilson—21.

NAYS—Messrs. Chandler, Davis, Dixon, Fogg, Grimes, Harris, Henderson, Hendricks, Howard, Howe, Kirkwood, Lane, Morrill, Nesmith, Norton, Patterson, Pomeroy, Ross, Saulsbury, Sherman, Stewart, Sumner, Trumbull, Wade, Willey, Williams, Wilson—27.

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING—Messrs. Anthony, Brown, Cowan, Doolittle, Fowler, Guthrie, Riddle, Yates—8.

A vote was then taken on the bill as it passed the House on the 27th of July last, and it was passed and goes to the President.

The following is the final vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Anthony, Cattell, Chandler, Conness, Cragin, Dixon, Edmunds, Fogg, Foster, Fowler, Frelinghuysen, Grimes, Harris, Howard, Howe, Kirkwood, Lane, Norton, Nye, Poland, Pomeroy, Ramsay, Ross, Sherman, Stewart, Trumbull, Van Winkle, Wade, Willey, Williams, Yates—31.

NAYS—Messrs. Buckalew, Creswell, Davis, Henderson, Hendricks, Johnson, McDougal, Patterson, Saulsbury, Sprague, Sumner, Wilson—12.

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING—Messrs. Brown, Cowan, Doolittle, Fessenden, Guthrie, Morgan, Morrill, Nesmith, Riddle—9.

THE BANKRUPT BILL.

Mr. POLAND presented the report of the Conference Committee on the Bankrupt Bill.

Mr. LANE called for the yeas and nays as agreeing to the report.

YEAS—Messrs. Anthony, Chandler, Conness, Creswell, Dixon, Edmunds, Fessenden, Foster, Frelinghuysen, Harris, Howard, Howe, Johnson, McDougal, Morgan, Nye, Norton, Poland, Pomeroy, Ramsay, Ross, Stewart, Sumner, VanWinkle—34.

NAYS—Messrs. Buckalew, Cragin, Davis, Fogg, Fowler, Henderson, Hendricks, Sherman, Sprague, Trumbull, Wade, Willey, Williams, Wilson, Yates—16.

Absent or not voting—Messrs. Brown, Cattell, Cowan, Doolittle, Grimes, Guthrie, Kirkwood, Riddle—8.

So the report was concurred in and the bill goes to the President.

COMPOUND INTEREST NOTES.

Mr. SHERMAN, from the Conference Committee on the Compound Interest Note bill, made a report which was agreed to. The bill as finally agreed upon by this committee consists of one section only, the second section of the Senate bill having been stricken out; It provides for the redemption of compound interest notes in three per cent. certificates; amended in the Conference Committee so that the amount of these certificates outstanding at any time shall not exceed fifty millions. It was a hundred millions in the Senate bill.

The yeas and nays were not called up on the motion to agree to the report.

THE INDEMNITY BILL.

Mr. TRUMBULL called up the bill of the House, known as the Indemnity Bill, which passed without amendment, in the form in which it passed the House on the 22d ult.

The following is the vote on its passage:

YEAS—Messrs. Anthony, Cattell, Chandler, Conness, Cragin, Dixon, Doolittle, Edmunds, Fogg, Foster, Fowler, Frelinghuysen, Grimes, Harris, Henderson, Howard, Kirkwood, Lane, Morgan, Morrill, Nye, Poland, Pomeroy, Ramsay, Ross, Sherman, Sprague, Stewart, Sumner, Trumbull, Van Winkle, Wade, Willey, Wilson, Williams, Yates—36.

NAYS—Messrs. Buckalew, Cowan, Davis, Hendricks, Johnson, McDougall, Norton, Saulsbury—8.

VETO OF THE TENURE OF OFFICE BILL.

The President's veto of the Tenure of Office Bill was then read, and without debate the bill was passed over the veto by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Anthony, Cattell, Chandler, Conness, Cragin, Edmuds, Fessenden, Foster, Fogg, Fowler, Frelinghuysen, Grimes, Harris, Henderson, Howard, Kirkwood, Lane, Morgan, Morrill, Nye, Poland, Pomeroy, Ramsay, Ross, Sherman, Sprague, Stewart, Sumner, Trumbull, Van Winkle, Wade, Willey, Wilson, Yates—35.

NAYS—Messrs. Buckalew, Cowan, Davis, Dixon, Doolittle, Hendricks, Johnson, Nesmith, Patterson, Saulsbury—11.

At 3:45 an Executive session was held.

EVENING SESSION.

ACTION ON THE VETO MESSAGE.

At 8:30 o'clock the veto of the President on the Reconstruction Bill was taken up and read.

The reading having been concluded, Mr. JOHNSON took the floor, and in what he most sincerely did, full justice to the conscientious purpose of the President, he could not but regret that he (the President) had felt himself compelled to come to that result, and to send this message to Congress.

After much debate the question was put: Shall the bill pass, the President's objections notwithstanding? It was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

YEAS.—Messrs. Anthony, Cattell, Chandler, Conness, Cragin, Creswell, Edmunds, Fessenden, Foot, Foster, Fowler, Frelinghuysen, Grimes, Harris, Henderson, Howard, Howe, Johnson, Kirkwood, Lane, Morgan, Morrill, Nye, Poland, Pomeroy, Ramsay, Ross, Sherman, Sprague, Stewart, Sumner, Trumbull, Van Winkle, Wade, Willey, Wilson, Williams, Yates—35.

NAYS.—Messrs. Buckalew, Cowan, Davis, Dixon, Doolittle, Hendricks, Nesmith, Norton, Patterson, Saulsbury—10.

ABSENT.—Brown, Guthrie, McDougal, Riddle—4.

The Chair (Mr. FOSTER) announced that two-thirds of both Houses having voted to pass this bill, notwithstanding the objection of the President, it had become a law.

BUSINESS RESUMED.

The doors of the Senate were reopened at 5:30 A. M., after an Executive Session of six hours.

CONFERENCE REPORTS AGREED TO.

While the doors were closed the conference report on the Army Appropriation Bill was agreed to.

The conference report on the Internal Revenue Bill was agreed to before the Executive Session was held.

NAVAL APPROPRIATION BILL.

The Clerk of the House notified the Senate of the action of the House on the Naval Appropriation Bill.

Mr. SUMNER moved that the Senate recede from its amendments, which motion was disagreed to.

On motion, the Senate insisted on its amendments and agreed to the Conference Committee asked for by the House.

THE MORGAN RAID.

The Senate insisted on its amendment to the bill authorizing the settlement in the Court of Claims of claims arising out of the Morgan raid in Indiana and Ohio, and agreed to a Conference Committee.

DEFICIENCY AND LEGISLATIVE BILLS.

The Dificency Bill came from the House and was read.

Pending the reading, Mr. EDMUNDS made a report from the Conference Committee on the Legislative Appropriation Bill. The Committee were unable to agree. The point at issue was the action of the bill appropriating money for additional compensation voted by the House to certain of its employes. Mr. EDMUNDS stated that the House Committee would accept of nothing but the section referred to, pure and simple; they would agree to no modification. He moved that the Senate do further adhere to its amendment, which was to strike out this section. The question was taken, and the Senate voted to adhere to its amendment. Should the House recede or by insisting on its disagreement, the bill fails.

THE OMNIBUS BILL AGREED TO.

Mr. SUMNER, from the Conference Committee on the "Omnibus" Appropriation Bill, made a report.

The section in regard to the Commissioner of Public Buildings was agreed to in a modified form. It abolishes the office of Commissioner of Public Buildings, and imposes the duties of his office upon the Chief of the Engineer Bureau of the Army, under whose superintendence all the appropriations for improvement, &c., shall be expended.

DEFICIENCY BILL AGAIN.

The consideration of the Deficiency Bill was resumed.

Mr. FESSENDEN moved to strike out an appropriation for additional land offices. Disagreed to.

the Liverpool, New-York and Philadelphia Steamship Company.

The motion was agreed to, and that portion of the section was struck out.

A sum of $20,000 was appropriated to pay the claims of BUTLER & CARPENTER.

The last section of the bill, appropriating $900,000, and to give bond for $932,560 more, to carry out the treaty stipulations with the Choctaw Indians, gave rise to a long discussion, in which Mr. MORRILL characterized it as a greater grab than he had been prepared to see attempted, even on the last night of the session, while Messrs. STEVENS, KASSON, GARFIELD and FARNSWORTH supported the appropriation, and repelled the allegation of fraud made by the opponents of the measure. Finally the Committee rose, in order that Mr. STEVENS might move to close debate in the House, and debate was closed.

DEFICIENCY BILL.

The House again, at 12:45, went into Committee of the Whole, Mr. ALLISON in the chair, and resumed the consideration of the Deficiency Bill at section 8, making appropriation for the Choctaw Indians.

The section was, on motion of Mr. MORRILL, struck out, then the Committee, at half past one, rose, and reported the bill to the House.

NEW-YORK CUSTOM-HOUSE INVESTIGATION.

Mr. HUBBARD, from the Committee on Public Expenditures, made a report on the investigation into the affairs of the New-York Custom-house, which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

THE ARREST OF SURRATT.

Mr. WOODBRIDGE, from the Judiciary Committee, made a report on the investigation in reference to the alleged neglect on the part of the Executive Department, in the pursuit and arrest of JOHN H. SURRATT, charged with complicity in the assassination of President LINCOLN.

The report having been read, Mr. WOODBRIDGE moved that it be laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. LE BLOND opposed its being printed, arguing that it attempted to reflect upon the President, and that the whole statement was a contradiction of any such insinuation.

Mr. WOODBRIDGE stated that the report had been submitted to the Committee, and had been agreed to unanimously, with a single exception, that of Mr. ROGERS.

Mr. BOUTWELL denied that he had ever charged any officer of the Government with willful neglect of duty, nor did the Judiciary Committee charge any man with willful neglect of duty. His own conviction was that there had been no willful neglect of duty on the part of anyone.

Mr. LE BLOND inquired whether there had been anything in the statements before the Committee, either of the Secretary of State or of the Secretary of War, justifying the Committee in coming to the conclusion that the President had been remiss in his duties in the arrest of SURRATT.

Mr. BOUTWELL stated that the Committee had made no charge whatever against the President, either personally or officially. If there was any responsibility in the matter, the Committee was not able to fix any. The Secretary of War might have been remiss; the Secretary of State might have been remiss, or the President might have been remiss; but the Committee did not charge any willful neglect on any one, except that there had been some neglect of duty on the part of some one or all of them.

Mr. RAYMOND desired to know whether the alleged neglect on the part of the Executive Department to pursue SURRATT vigorously, ostentatiously and publicly from the time that his whereabouts was known, was not imputable to a desire to pursue him more vigorously, more carefully and more steadily.

Mr. BOUTWELL replied that the testimony, from the testimony, that the Committee found that not only did the Executive Department of the Government not pursue SURRATT publicly and ostentatiously, but did not pursue him as he should have been pursued.

Mr. WOODBRIDGE suggested that as SURRATT would soon be on his trial, it might be improper to publish the testimony taken by the Judiciary Committee. He therefore moved that the report be printed without the testimony.

Mr. ELDRIDGE insisted that if the report were published, the evidence should certainly be published.

Mr. WOODBRIDGE then moved that the report and evidence be printed, and it was so ordered.

IMPEACHMENT.

Mr. WILSON, of Iowa, from the Judiciary Committee, then made a report on the proposed impeachment of the President.

Mr. WILSON moved the report be laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. ASHLEY asked leave to make a remark.

Mr. WILSON insisted on the vote being taken.

Mr. ANCONA, on the part of Mr. ROGERS, handed in a minority report, which was read to the House.

The majority and minority reports were laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION BILL.

Mr. CONKLING at 3 A. M. reported that the Conference Committee on the Legislative, Indian and Executive Appropriation Bill, had been unable to agree. The point of difference was that the Senate refused to agree to an appropriation for the increased pay of certain House employes, voted last session. The question gave rise to a discussion, which lasted until 3:45 o'clock, when the Conference Committee was discharged.

Mr. BALDWIN moved that the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate, striking out the appropriation for the increased compensation of the House employes.

The motion was rejected and the House refused to recede.

On motion of Mr. LE BLOND the House still further insisted on its disagreement, and asked for another Committee of Conference.

VOTE RECORD.

Mr. LATHAM was permitted to record his vote in favor of the passage of both bills passed to-day over the President's veto, and Mr. WHALEY on the last of the two.

Mr. LAWRENCE, of Ohio, from the Conference Committee on the bill to define and punish certain offences, made a report, which was agreed to.

THE NEBRASKA MEMBER'S PAY.

Mr. ASHLEY, of Ohio, offered a resolution for the payment of Mr. MARQUETTE, who was sworn in to-day as a member from Nebraska, his pay from the first day of this session, which was adopted.

SOUTHERN RAILROADS.

Mr. MAYNARD, Chairman of the Select Committee on Southern Railroads, made a report. The report and evidence were ordered to be printed, and to be laid before the House Congress for its action.

NAVAL APPROPRIATION BILL.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole on the State of the Union, Mr. CONKLING in the chair, and resumed the consideration of the Senate amendments to the Naval Appropriation Bill The first amendment, being on the appropriation of $135,000 for the purchase of a wharf at the Charlestown Navy-yard, gave rise to discussion.

Mr. KASSON advocated the amendment, and Mr. BANKS opposed it on behalf of the people of Charlestown.

Mr. RICE, of Massachusetts, sustained the amendment, which was non-concurred in. The Senate amendment for the appointment of Civil Engineers, Master Mechanics, &c., at the several Navy-Yards was debated at some length, Mr. BANKS urging a non-concurrence in the Senate amendment. The amendment was non-concurred in.

The Senate amendment striking out the appropriation to pay a person for collecting historical annals of the Navy Department was non-concurred in.

The Senate amendment authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to negotiate with the City of Brooklyn for an exchange of lands on Wallabout Bay, was concurred in with an amendment requiring the title to property acquired to be approved by the Attorney-General and to involve no expenditure from the Treasury. The Senate amendment prohibiting laboring men from being required to pay money for political purposes, or from being removed or discharged for political opinions, was non-concurred in.

The Committee then rose and reported the bill. The report of the Committee was agreed to, and a Committee of Conference asked on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses.

ROCK ISLAND.

Mr. SCHENCK introduced joint resolutions empowering the Secretary of War to carry into effect the recommendation of the Commission appointed, relative to the Moline Water Company, and Water Power of Rock Island, Illinois. After an explanation of the facts by Mr. SCHENCK the joint resolution was passed.

DISTRICT MATTERS.

Mr. MAYNARD, on leave, introduced a joint resolution to suspend the erection of a jail in the District of Columbia until perfected plans are completed and approved by a board of competent engineers, which was passed.

Mr. KOONTZ reported an act incorporating the joint stock company of the Young Men's Christian Association of Washington, which was passed.

The House, at a 5:15 A. M., proceeded to business on the Speaker's table, and disposed thereof as follows:

CLAIMS FOR QUARTERMASTER'S STORES.

The Senate amendments to the House joint resolution to allow the Court of Claims jurisdiction of claims for quartermaster's stores and subsistence supplies, taken for the army, were non-concurred in and a Committee of Conference asked for.

FORTIFICATION BILL.

The Senate amendments to the Fortification Bill, viz.: Appropriating $25,000 for barracks at Willett's Point, N. Y., and for the appointment of a joint board to test the resisting powers of turret ships and forts. The amendments were non-concurred in and a Committee of Conference asked for.

OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH.

Mr. SCHENCK at 5:40 A. M. moved that when the House adjourn it be to meet at 8 o'clock Sunday evening.

The subject occupied considerable time in discussion, suggestions and propositions. Finally it was ordered that, when the House take a recess, it be to 8 o'clock P. M.

INSURANCE COMPANY.

Mr. MERCUR, from the Conference Committee on the bill to incorporate the National Capital Insurance Company, made a report, which was agreed to.

PRIVATE BILLS.

The House resumed the business on the Speaker's table, as follows:

The Senate amendments to the House bill to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to pay a certain draft to W. W. POTTER, late acting military agent of the State of New-York; which was concurred in.

The Senate amendments to the House bill referring to the case of GIBBONS and Mr. KELLY to the Court of Claims; concurred in.

Senate bill for the relief of heirs of JOHN E. BOULIGNY. Passed.

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION BILL.

Mr. LE BLOND, from the Conference Committee on the Legislative Appropriation Bill, reported that the Committee had been unable to agree—the Senate adhering to its opposition to the appropriation for extra compensation of the House employes.

Mr. MORRILL moved that the House recede from its disagreement to the Senate amendment, striking out the appropriation. Agreed to, and the bill is passed.

COMPOUND INTEREST NOTE BILL.

Mr. NEWELL withdrew his motion to reconsider the vote agreeing to the Conference report on the Compound Interest Note Bill. The bill is therefore passed.

PRIVATE BILL.

The House resumed, at 9:45 o'clock, the business on the Speaker's table, as follows:

The Senate bill for the relief of WM. H. HARMON, of Louisiana.

Mr. VAN AERNAM, from the Conference Committee on the Sundry Civil Expenses Bill, made a report which was agreed to.

The paragraph in reference to the printing of the Executive Department is, that it shall be done at the public printing-office when practicable, and when not practicable, then at such printing-office as the Clerk of the House may designate.

The House resumed the business on the Speaker's table, as follows:

The Senate bill for the relief of certain enlisted men of the Seventh West Virginia Volunteers. Passed.

ACCOUNTS OF DISBURSING OFFICERS.

Senate joint resolution to facilitate the settlement of accounts of disbursing officers.

The bill, with a slight amendment, was then passed.

Mr. ALLEY at length, through dint of persistency on his part and good humor on the part of the House, succeeded in getting the rules suspended, and his joint resolution in reference to lastings amended by Mr. HOTCHKISS, in regard to machinery for beet sugar was passed.

NEBRASKA.

On motion of Mr. HILL, the vacant panel in the glass roof of the hall of the House, was assigned to the coat of arms of the State of Nebraska.

RAILROAD IN CALIFORNIA.

On motion of Mr. HIGBY, the rules were suspended and the Senate bill granting lands to aid in the construction of a railroad from Stockton to Copperopolis, in the State of California, was taken from the Speaker's table and passed with an amendment, by a vote of 77 to 39.

FINES REMITTED.

On motion of Mr. ANCONA, all fines and penalties imposed on members for absence without leave, were remitted.

SUPREME COURT.

The Senate Bill relating to Appeals and Writs of Error to the Supreme Court.

Mr. WILSON, of Iowa, offered several amendments on matters of detail, which were agreed to, and the bill, as amended, passed.

FREEDMEN'S BUREAU.

The Senate Bill to regulate the disposition of an irregular fund in the custody of the Freedmen's Bureau, was passed.

PEONAGE IN NEW-MEXICO.

The Senate Bill to abolish and forever prohibit the system of peonage in the Territory of New-Mexico, and other parts of the United States, was passed.

IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT.

The Senate Bill supplementary to the several acts of Congress abolishing imprisonment for debt, was passed.

PRIVATE BILL.

The Senate bill for the relief of DYER B. PETTIJOHN, Lieutenant of the Minnesota sharpshooters, which was passed.

NAVAL APPROPRIATION BILL.

While the bill was under discussion, at 8:30 o'clock, a message was received from the Senate, announcing that the body had agreed to the conference report on the Naval Appropriation Bill.

Mr. KASSON thereupon rose and made the House Conference report of the Committee on the Naval Appropriation Bill, which was agreed to. It strikes out the appropriation for the purchase of a wharf at the Charlestown Navy-yard, and modifies the paragraph about Government employes not being removed for partisan reasons, and about the appointment of master mechanics.

RECESS.

The House then, at 8:40 o'clock, took a recess till 8 o'clock this (Sunday) evening.

SUNDAY EVENING SESSION.

The House reassembled at 8 o'clock P. M., in continuation of the legislative fiction of the session of Saturday. Notwithstanding the prevalence of a storm of sleet, the galleries were packed with spectators; and as to the floor of the hall, it was a sort of political exchange, on which flocks of new members intermingled with those whom they were soon to succeed, and made the acquaintance of their future colleagues.

MR. STEVENS MAKES A PERSONAL EXPLANATION.

Mr. STEVENS rose to a personal explanation, saying that it was not often he did so, but owing to the great number of letters of inquiry which he was daily receiving, and which he had not time to answer, he felt it necessary to depart from the usual rule of his life on that point. It would be recollected, he said, that some time since there had been a publication as to a certain conversation between the two members from Ohio—Messrs. ASHLEY and BINGHAM—and himself, in which the name of Gen. GRANT had been involved. So far as it is referred to any connection he had with it the story was wholly false; there was not even the vestige of truth about it out of which to fabricate the lie.

LANDS FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES.

Mr. JULIAN, from the Committee on Public Lands, made adverse reports on the memorial of the Kansas Legislature for a grant of lands for a freedmen's university, and on the memorial of the Governor and Legislative Assembly of Utah Territory for a donation of town cites in aid of a common school fund.

THE DEFICIENCY BILL ONCE MORE.

A message from the Senate announcing among other things that that body had passed the Deficiency Bill with amendments, the amendments having been ready, they were now concurred in in gross and a Committee of Conference was asked.

Messrs. STEVENS, FARNSWORTH and KASSON were appointed the conferees on the part of the House.

STAMP CANCELING MACHINE.

The House then resumed the consideration of the bill, which was before the House at the time of the recess this morning, appropriating $100,000 for a compensation to MARCUS P. NORTON, of Troy, N. Y., for the use of his Stamp Canceling Machine by the Post Office Department. After debate, the subject was laid on the table.

FORTIFICATION BILL.

A message from the Senate, announced at 9 o'clock, that that body had agreed to the Conference report on the Fortification Bill.

Thereupon Mr. WASHBURN, of Indiana, from the Conference Committee of the House on that bill, made a report, which was agreed to.

It leaves the Fortification Bill as it was originally passed by the House, with the additional section in regard to experiments in testing ordnance and fortifications.

In reply to the inquiry of Mr. MAYNARD, Mr. WASHBURN stated that the appropriation for quarters at Willett's Point had been restored, and that the bill also contained the limitation, restricting expenditures to half the appropriations.

REPORTS TO BE PRINTED.

Mr. LAFLIN, from the Committee on Printing, reported several resolutions for the printing of extra copies of the Report of the Committee of Public Expenditures on the New-York Custom-house frauds? Two thousand copies of the Bankrupt Bill, if it be signed by the President. The report and testimony of the Select Committee on Southern Railroads, &c., which were adopted.

LANMAN'S CONGRESSIONAL DICTIONARY.

Also, the resolution referred to the Committee for furnishing copies of Lanman's Congressional Dictionary, with a recommendation that the resolution be laid on the table. The vote was taken by tellers, and resulted, yeas 68, nays 69; so the resolution was not laid on the table.

OBJECTIONS TO WASTING TIME.

The Speaker stated that the Conference Committee were in session on the last Appropriation Bill, and that they would be ready to report probably in half an hour, and that after the House had acted on such report, the House could then properly take a recess until 9 or 10 o'clock Monday morning.

QUARTERMASTER'S STORES.

Mr. SCHENCK, from the Conference Committee on the joint resolution extending the jurisdiction of the Court of Claims for Quartermaster's stores, &c., furnished to the army, made a report, which was agreed to.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED IN CONCURRENCE.

In fulfillment of the order to proceed with the business on the Speaker's table, business was taken up and disposed of as follows:

The Senate joint resolution for a patent to JOSEPH R. MORRIS, of Houston, Texas, for improvement in furnaces, was passed.

The Senate joint resolution for the refunding to certain National Banking Associations of taxes illegally levied and collected, was passed.

The Senate joint resolution for an extension of a patent for safe and bank locks, to JOHN H. BUTTERWORTH, was passed.

The Senate joint resolution relative to the Post-office and Sub-Treasury in the City of Boston appointing a Commission to select a site, was passed.

OCEAN MAIL SERVICE.

The Senate bill authorizing the establishment of an ocean mail steamship service between the United States and the Hawaiian Islands, limiting the bid to $100,000 a year, was then taken up.

Mr. MCRUER moved an amendment reducing that amount to $75,000, and explained and advocated the bill.

After discussion Mr. HALL moved to lay the bill on the table. Negatived.

The amendment was agreed to.

The question on the passage of the bill was taken by yeas and nays, and resulted yeas 68, nays 49, so the bill was passed.

LAND DISTRICTS IN THE TERRITORIES.

Mr. JULIAN, from the Conference Committee on the Act for the organization of Land Districts in the Territories, moved that the House recede from its disagreement to the Senate amendment, which excluded Utah from the provisions of the bill. The motion was agreed to and the bill therefore passed.

PARIS EXPOSITION.

The Senate joint resolution supplementary to other Acts, to enable the people of the United States to participate in the advantages of the Universal Exhibition at Paris, in 1867, was taken from the Speaker's table

Mr. KELLEY moved to suspend the rules so as to let the bill be considered in the House instead of first in Committee of the Whole. He stated that the appropriation in the bill amounted to $103,000, which, added to the appropriations heretofore made for the purpose, would make the whole amount $259,000. The rules were not suspended, and the bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

BILLS PASSED IN CONCURRENCE.

The business on the Speaker's table was, at 12 midnight, continued as follows:

The Senate joint resolution concerning the right of way for a survey and construction of an interoceanic ship canal through the Isthmus of Darien, was passed.

The Senate bill authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to transfer the iron-clad *Onondaga* to Mr. GEORGE QUINTARD, of New-York, was passed.

The Senate bill concerning the Fire Department of Washington City was passed.

The Senate bill to regulate disposition of fines, penalties, and forfeitures incurred under the laws relating to the Customs.

The bill having been read Mr. ELIOT, from the Committee on Commerce, offered some amendments in matters of detail.

The amendments were agreed to and the bill passed.

The Senate bill to extend the act for the final adjustment of private land claims in Florida, Louisiana and Missouri was passed.

THE DEFICIENCY BILL DISPOSED OF.

A message from the Senate, at 12:15 o'clock, announced that that body had agreed to the conference report on the Deficiency Bill.

Thereupon Mr. STEVENS rose, and, on the part of the House Conference Committee, made a report.

Mr. CONKLING called attention to the motion increasing the salaries of District Judges of the United States in California to $5,000; in Louisiana to $4,500; and in New-York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Illinois, Ohio, New-Jersey $4,000. He thought it inconsistent that the District Judges in New-York should get higher salaries than the Chief-Justice of the Supreme Court of the State.

Mr. JENCKES argued that the salaries thus fixed, were even too small.

The Conference report was agreed to, and thereupon at ten minutes before 1 o'clock the House took a recess until 9 o'clock Monday morning.

THE TAX BILL.

Important Amendments as Adopted—Large Additions to the Free List.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, March 3.

The report of the Committee of Conference on the Tax Bill fixes the tax on cotton at 2½ cents, to go into effect Sept. 1.

The Senate amendment to tax manufactures exclusively of glass, three per centum *ad valorem* is retained; the words "other than window glass" being inserted, with an amendment by the Conference Committee, as follows: "On leather of all descriptions, calf goat, deer, calf, kid, sheep, horse, hog and dog skins, tanned or partially tanned, curried, finished or in the rough, 2½ per centum *ad valorem*."

The Senate receded from its amendment relieving syrups and molasses from the 2 per cent., and reducing the rate upon sugar, so that item reads: "On refined sugars and on the products of sugar refineries, not including syrup or molasses, a tax of 2 per cent. *ad valorem*."

Section 19 is amended by adding the following: "And no suit for the purpose of restraining the assessment or collection of the tax, shall be maintained in any Court.

The Senate recedes from its amendment placing upon the free list boots, shoes, shoe findings and strings, and gloves made of leather or skins.

The House provision, placing on the free list steam locomotives and marine engine boilers, log, siding and shingle machines, is removed, but scythes are inserted in the free list. The Senate recedes from their amendment making wire cloth free. The rate on brandy made of grapes is increased from fifty cents to $1 per gallon. The Senate amendment provides for the repeal of all taxes on advertisements or receipts of toll roads. The Senate amendment is retained which provides that the tonnage duty now imposed by law on all ships, vessels, or steamers engaged in foreign or domestic commerce, shall be levied at once within one year, and paid by such ship, vessel or steamer. No further tonnage tax shall be collected within one year from the dates of such payment. The following proviso to section 34 is also retained:

Provided, That this act shall not be construed to affect any act done, right accrued, or penalty incurred under former acts, but every such right is hereby waived, and all suits and prosecutions for acts already done in violation of the former acts of Congress relating to the subjects embraced in this act may be commenced or proceeded with in like manner as if this act had not been passed. And all penal clauses and provisions in existing laws relating to the subjects embraced in this act shall be deemed applicable thereto.

The following articles are added to the present free list: Alcoholic and ethereal vegetable extracts when solid and used solely for medical purposes; ball rope seines and netting for seines; twine and lines of all kinds; bar, rod, hoop, band, sheet and plate iron of all descriptions; and iron prepared for the manufacture of steel, provided that the exemption shall be confined exclusively to said articles, in the state and condition specified in the foregoing enumeration, and shall not be construed as exempting spikes, nails or other manufactures of iron, from the taxes now imposed by law; brush-blocks, canned and preserved animals, and fish; chemicals used in the manufacture of beet sugar; coal; compound of lime used solely for disinfectants; carpet-bag and cabe frames; canned and preserved vegetables and fruits; casks, churns, barrels, wooden brushes and broom handles; tanks and kitts made of wood, including cooperage of all kinds; bungs and plugs, packing boxes, nest boxes, mason's rules, planes and screws of wood or other material; wooden hames, plow-beams, split-bottom chairs, and turned material for the same, manufactured; and saddle-trees made of wood, and match boxes heretofore made, on which a tax has not been paid; cast iron hollow-ware, tinned, enameled, japanned or galvanized; clock trimmings, namely, clock work, pillars, sash fastenings for clocks, winding keys, verges and pendulum rods; clothing or articles of dress not specially enumerated, made by sewing, for the wear of men, women or children, from cloths or fabrics on which a duty has been paid; coffee mills, coffee grinders and spice mills and apple-paring machines, copper bottoms for articles used for domestic and culinary purposes, doors, sash blinds, frames and sills, of whatever material, drain, gas and water pipes, inside of wood or cement, frames and handles for saws and back saws, glue and gelatine of all descriptions in a solid state; glue or cement made wholly or in part with glue in the liquid state; horse rakes, horse powers, tedders, hames, scythe-snaths, hay-forks, hoes and portable grinding mills, horse-blankets made from cloth on which a tax or duty has been paid, licorice and licorice paste, magnesium, lamps, manufactures of jute, molasses, concentrated syrup or melado, syrup of molasses or sugar, cane juice and cistern bottoms, oil, naphtha, benzine or gasoline marking more than seventy degrees Baum's hydrometer; palm leaf and straw, bleached, split, prepared or advanced by being braided or woven, but not made up into hats, bonnets or hoods; pumps, garden engines and hydraulic rams, rock and root diggers and excavators, root beer and other small beer, salt, school-room seats and desks, blackboards, and globes of all kinds; sleds, wheelbarrows and hand-carts, and fence made of wood; soap, common brown in bars, sold for less than seven cents per pound; saws for cotton gins when used by the maker in the manufacture of gins, soles and heel taps made of india-rubber, shirt fronts or bosoms, wristbands or ruffs for shirts, except those made of paper, spiral springs used in the manufacture of turnitue, stove polish or other manufacture exclusively or plumbago, back saws, stump machines, potato diggers, steel of all descriptions, whether made from muck, bar, bloom slabs, drops or otherwise; scythes, straw or binders' boards, and binders' cloth; straw wrapping paper, tin ware, ultra marine blue, varnish, wagons, carts and drays for farming or freighting; washing mangles and wringing-machines, zinc washboards, spinning and flax wheels, hand reels and looms, wooden knobs and bee-hives.

THE TARIFF BILL.

Bill to Provide Increased Revenue from Imported Wools and Woolen Goods.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, March 3.

The following is the bill introduced by Representative BINGHAM, in July last, and which yesterday passed the Senate. It is understood to be a compromise between the wool-growers and woolen manufacturers:

A bill to provide increased revenue from imported wools, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted, By the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled; That from and after the passage of this act, in lieu of the duties now imposed by law, on the articles mentioned and embraced in this section, there shall be levied, collected, and paid, on all unmanufactured wool, hair of the alpaca goat, and other like animals imported from foreign countries the duties hereinafter provided. All wools, hair of the alpaca goat, and other like animals, as aforesaid, shall be divided for the purpose of fixing the duties to be charged thereon, into three classes, to wit: that is to say, merino, mestiza, metz, or metio wools, or other wools of merino blood, immediate or remote; down clothing wools and wools of like character with any of the preceding, including such as have been heretofore usually imported into the United States from Buenos Ayres, New Zealand, Cape of Good Hope, Russia, Great Britain, Canada and elsewhere, and also including all wools not hereinafter described or designated in two and three class combing wools—that is to say, Leicester, Cotswold, Lincolnshire, down combing wools, Canada long wools, and other like combing wools of English blood, and usually known by the terms herein used, and also all hair of the alpaca, goat, and other like animals.

Class 3.—Carpet wools and other similar wools, such as Donskol, native South American, Cordova, Valparaiso, native Smyrna, and including all such wools or like character as have been heretofore usually imported into the United States from Turkey, Greece, Egypt, Syria and elsewhere, for the purpose of carrying into effect the classification herein provided, a sufficient number of distinctive samples of the various kinds of wool or hair embraced in each of the three classes above named, selected, and prepared under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, and duly verified by him. The standard samples being retained in the Treasury Department shall be deposited in the Custom-houses and elsewhere, as he may direct, which samples shall be used by the proper officers of the Customs to determine the class above specified, to which all imported wools belong, and upon wools of the first class, the value whereof at the last port or place whence exported to the United States excluding charges in such port shall be thirty-two cents or less per pound, the duty shall be ten cents per pound, and in addition thereto eleven per centum *ad valorem*. Upon wools of the same class, the value whereof at the last port or place whence exported to the United States, excluding charges in such port shall exceed thirty-two cents per pound, the duty shall be twelve cents per pound, and in addition thereto ten per cent. *ad valorem*. Upon wools of the second class, and upon all hair of the alpaca goat and other like animals, the value whereof at the last port or place whence exported to the United States, excluding charges in such port, shall be thirty-two cents or less per pound, the duty shall be ten cents per pound, and in addition thereto 11 per centum *ad valorem*. Upon wools of the same class the value whereof, at the last port or place whence exported to the United States, excluding charges in such ports, shall exceed 32 cents per pound, the duty shall be 12 cents per pound, and in addition thereto 10 per centum *ad valorem*.

Upon wools of the third class, the value whereof at the last port or place whence exported into the United States, excluding charges in such port, shall be 12 cents or less per pound, the duty shall be 3 cents per pound; upon wools of the same class, the value whereof at the last port or place whence exported to the United States, excluding charges in such ports, shall exceed twelve cents per pound, the duty shall be six cents per pound; provided that any wool of the sheep or hair of the alpaca goat and other like animals, which shall be imported in any other than the ordinary conditions as now and heretofore practiced, or which shall be changed in its character or condition for the purpose of evading the duty, or which shall be reduced in value by the admixture of dirt or any other foreign substance, shall be subject to pay twice the amount of duty to which it would otherwise be subjected, anything in this act to the contrary notwithstanding; provided further, that when wool of different qualities is imported in the same bale, bag or package, it shall be appraised by the appraiser, to determine the rate of duty to which it shall be subjected at the average aggregate value of the contents of the bale, bag or package, and when bales of different qualities are embraced in the same, invoiced at the same price whereby the average price shall be reduced more than ten per centum below the value of the bale of the best quality, the value of the whole shall be appraised according to the value of the bale of the best quality, and no bale, bag or package shall be liable to a less rate of duty in consequence of being invoiced with wool of lower value, and provided further that the duty upon wool of the first-class, which shall be imported washed, shall be twice the amount of duty to which it would be subjected if imported unwashed, and that the duty upon wool of all classes which shall be imported scoured shall be three times the amount of the duty to which it would be subjected if imported unwashed; on sheepskins and Angora goatskins, raw or unmanufactured, imported with the wool on washed or unwashed, the duty shall be 20 per cent. *ad valorem*, and on woolen rags, shoddy, mungo, waste and flocks the duty shall be 12c. per pound.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That in lieu of the duties heretofore imposed by law on the articles hereinafter mentioned, and on such as may now be exempt from duty, there shall be levied, collected and paid for the goods, wares and merchandise hereinenumerated and provided for, imported from foreign countries, the following rates of duty, that is to say: On woolen cloths and woolen shawls, and all manufactures of wool of every description, made wholly or in part of wool, not herein otherwise provided for, 40 cents per pound, and in addition thereto 35 per centum *ad valorem*; on flannels, blankets, hats of wool, knit goods, balmorals, woolen and worsted, yarns, and all manufactures of every description, composed wholly or in part of worsted, the hair of the alpaca goat, or other like animals except such as are composed in wool not otherwise provided for, valued at not exceeding 40 cents per pound, 20 cents per pound; valued at 40 cents per pound, and not exceeding 60 cents per pound, 25 cents per pound; valued at above 60 cents per pound and not exceeding 80 cents per pound, 35 cents per pound; valued at above 80 cents per pound 40 cents per pound, and in addition thereto upon all above named articles 35 per centum *ad valorem*.

On endless belts or felts for paper or printing machines, 20 cents per pound, and 35 per centum *ad valorem*. On bunting 20 cents per square yard, and in addition thereto 35 per centum *ad valorem*.

On women's and children's dress goods and real or imitation calico cloths, composed wholly or in part of wool worsted, the hair of the alpaca goat or other like animals, valued at not exceeding 20 cents the square yard, six cents per square yard, and in addition thereto 35 per cent. *ad valorem*; valued at above 20 cents per square yard, 8 cents per square yard, and in addition thereto 40 per cent. *ad valorem*, provided that on all goods weighing four ounces and over per square yard, the duty shall be 50 per cent. per pound, and in addition thereto 35 per centum *ad valorem*.

On clothing ready made and clothing apparel of every description, and balmoral skirts and skirting, and goods of similar descriptions or used for like purposes composed wholly or in part of wool, worsted, or hair of the Alpaca goat or other like animals, made up or manufactured wholly or in part by the tailor, seamstress or manufacturer, except knit goods, fifty cents per pound, and addition thereto of forty per centum *ad valorem*. On webbings, beltings, braids, galloons, fringes, gimps, cords, cords and tassels, dress trimmings, head nets, buttons, or buttons moulds, or fabrications of other forms for tassels or ornaments, wrought by hand or braided by machinery; made of wool, worsted or mohair, or of which wool, worsted or mohair is a component material, unmixed with silk, 50 cents per pound, and in addition thereto 50 per centum *ad valorem*. On Aubusson and Axminister carpets, and carpets woven whole for rooms, 50 per centum, *advalorem*; on Saxony, Wilton and Tournay velvet carpets, wrought by the Jacquard machine, 70 cents per square yard, and in addition thereto 35 per centum *ad valorem*; on Brussels carpets wrought on the Jacquard machine, 45 cents per square yard, and in addition thereto, 35 per centum *ad valorem*; on patent velvet and tapestry velvet carpets printed on the warp or otherwise, 40 cents per square yard, and in addition thereto, 35 per centum *ad valorem*. On tapestry Brussels carpets printed on the warp or otherwise, 28 cents per square yard, and in addition thereto, 35 per centum *ad valorem*. On treble ingrain three-ply and worsted chain venitian carpet, 70 cents per square yard, and in addition thereto 35 per centum *ad valorem*. In yarn venitian and two-ply ingrain carpets, 12 cents per square yard, and in addition thereto 35 per centum *ad valorem*. On druggets dookings printed, colored or otherwise, 25 cents per square yard, and in addition thereto 35 per centum *ad valorem*. On hemp or jute carpeting, 18 cents per square yard. On carpets of wool, flax or cotton or parts of either or other material not otherwise herein specified, 40 per centum *ad valorem*; provided that mats, rugs, screens, hassocks, bedsides and other portion of carpets or carpeting shall be subjected to the rate of duty herein imposed on carpets or carpeting of like character or description, and that the duty on all other mats not exclusively of vegetable materials, screens, hassocks or rugs shall be 35 per cent. per centum *ad valorem*. On oil-cloths, for floors, stamped, painted or printed, valued at fifty cents or less per square yard, 35 per centum *ad valorem*; valued at over 50 cents per square yard, and on all other cloth except silk oilcloth, and on wax-proof cloth not otherwise provided for, 45 per centum *ad valorem*; on oil silk cloth, 60 per centum *ad valorem*. Both Houses have also passed by a large majority the bill reported by Representative BINGHAM, to make valid the proclamation of the President from 1861 to 1865, which protects every officer and soldier in the late war against intervention by the courts, and fine and imprisonment.

THE PROPOSED IMPEACHMENT.

Report of the Judiciary Committee on Mr. Ashley's Resolutions to Impeach the President.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, March 3.

Mr. WILSON, of Iowa, late last night submitted a report. After repeating Mr. ASHLEY's preamble and resolution, the report says:

No Committee, during the entire history of the Government, have ever been charged with a more important trust. The responsibility which is imposed was of oppressive weight and of most unpleasant nature; gladly would the Committee have escaped from the arduous labors imposed upon it by the resolution of the House; but once imposed, prompt, deliberate and faithful action, with a view to correct results, became its duty, and to this end it has directed its efforts. Soon after the adoption of the resolution by the House, Hon. JAMES M. ASHLEY communicated to the Committee in support of his charge against the President of the United States such facts as were in his possession, and the investigation was proceeded with and has been continued almost without a day's interruption. A large number of witnesses have been examined, many documents collected, and everything done which could be done to reach a conclusion of the case, but the investigation covers a broad field, embraces many novel, interesting and important questions, and involves a multitude of facts, while most of the witnesses are distant from the Capitol, owing to which the Committee, in view of the magnitude of the interests involved in its action, has been compelled to consume its labors, and it is not, therefore, prepared to submit a definite and final report. If the investigation had approached completeness the Committee would not feel authorized to present the result to the House at this late period of the session, unless the charges had been so entirely negatived as to admit of no conclusion, which in the opinion of the Committee is not the case. Certainly no affirmative report could be properly considered in the expiring hours of this Congress. The Committee not having investigated all the charges against the President of the United States, it is deemed inexpedient to submit any conclusion beyond the fact, and at the same time is extremely elastic and strong. By a series of air cells it is held immovable in the mouth, and is so small and compact that it does not interfere with speech or taste. It is in short the lightest, the most cleanly, and the firmest denture that was ever put in the mouth, and consequently we commend it over all others.

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Sale of a Wisconsin Railroad.

MILWAUKEE, Saturday, March 2.

The Milwaukee and LaCrosse Railroad was sold at auction to-day to the Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad for $100,000, subject to incumbrances.

EUROPEAN NEWS.

Advices to March 3 by Ocean Telegraph.

The Tory Reform Bill to be Presented on the 11th inst.

Reported Outbreak of War in India.

GREAT BRITAIN.

**Resignation of the Colon

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1866.
OFFICE OF THE
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No. 49 WALL-ST.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 30, 1867.

The following statement of the affairs of this Company is published in conformity with the requirements of the 10th section of the act of its incorporation:

Premiums on unexpired risks, Jan. 31, 1866	$640,311 00
Premiums received during the year to Dec. 31, 1866:	
On Marine Risks	$2,383,246 07
On Inland Risks	212,103,14—2,595,349 21
Total	$3,235,660 92
The amount of earned Premiums during the year, less return premiums, was	2,120,322 30
Losses paid during the year:	
On Marine Risks	$2,382,018 81
On Inland Risks	265,749 99
Expenses and Reinsurance	276,630 34
Total	$2,869,497 14
The assets of the Company on the 31st December, 1866, were as follows, viz.:	
Real Estate and Bonds and Mortgages	$440,650 00
United States Stocks, Loans on Stocks, Accrued Interest on Bonds and Mortgages and Loans, Rents of Real Estate, salvage, &c.	425,545 42
Cash	91,778 04
Bills Receivable	943,561 68
Premium Accounts not yet collected	84,243 25
Scrip of sundry Mutual Insurance Companies	3,103 00
Total	$1,988,883 39

The foregoing statement has been made to conform strictly to the requirements of the Company's charter.

The receipts and expenditures of the Company for the year ending 31st December, 1866, have been as follows:

Expenditures for Marine Losses, Return Premiums, Expenses, &c.	$3,506,069 14
Receipts from Earned Premiums, Profits on Gold, &c.	2,575,462 26
Excess of expenditures over receipts	$930,606 88
The Company were liable at the end of the year for Unpaid Losses, Return Premiums, Commissions, &c., estimated at	$648,611 43
Less to be received for advance value of Real Estate, salvage, &c., and for sundry Salvage, Reinsurance and other claims due the Company, estimated at	413,4[illegible] 36— 235,186 07
Deficiency	$1,165,791 95
Amount of outstanding Scrip called in and canceled	1,161,820 00

In view of the above result, the Board of Trustees have this day ordered that the outstanding Scrip or Certificates of Profits heretofore issued by the Company be reduced their entire amount, and the Certificates issued hereafter called in and canceled.

Holders of Certificates not heretofore redeemed are hereby notified of the action of the Board, and are requested to surrender such certificates at the office of the Company for cancelation.

The Board of Trustees also resolved that a subscription of FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS of new Scrip be taken and allotted in addition to the cash capital of FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS already subscribed, and not included in the above assets.

No fire risks, disconnected from marine, have been taken by the Company.

The Company, on the 31st December, 1866, held assets as above, valued at | $1,988,869 39
The total of all ascertained and estimated liabilities on that day were, (exclusive of the amount of premiums on outstanding risks, $636,703 75) | 1,356,157 89
Cash capital subscribed, to be added | $632,731 80
Making the amount of assets remaining with the Company, exclusive of the proposed subscription of notes in advance of premiums, | $1,132,731 80

By order of the board,
ISAAC H. WALKER, Secretary.

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PENNSYLVANIA STATE LOAN.

PROPOSALS FOR A LOAN OF $23,000,000.

An Act to create a loan for the redemption of the over-due bonds of the Commonwealth.

Whereas, The bonds of the Commonwealth, and certain certificates of indebtedness, amounting to twenty-three millions of dollars, have been over-due and unpaid for some time past; and,

Whereas, It is desirable that the same should be paid, and withdrawn from the market: therefore

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That the Governor, Auditor-General and State Treasurer be, and are hereby authorized and empowered to borrow, on the faith of the Commonwealth, in such amounts and with such notice (not less than forty days) as they may deem most expedient for the interest of the State, twenty-three millions of dollars, and issue certificates of loan or bonds of the Commonwealth for the same, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding six per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, on the first of February and first of August, in the City of Philadelphia; which certificates of loan or bonds shall not be subject to any taxation whatever, for state, municipal or local purposes, and shall be payable as follows, namely: Five millions of dollars payable at any time after five years, and within ten years; eight millions of dollars payable at any time after ten years, and within fifteen years, and ten millions of dollars at any time after fifteen years, and within twenty-five years; and shall be signed by the Governor and State Treasurer, and countersigned by the Auditor-General, and registered in the books of the Auditor-General, and to be transferable on the transfer books of the Commonwealth, at the Farmers' and Mechanics' National Bank of Philadelphia; the proceeds of the whole of which loan, including premiums, et ceters, received on the same, shall be applied to the payment of the bonds and certificates of indebtedness of the Commonwealth.

SEC. 2. The bids for the said loan shall be opened in the presence of the Governor, Auditor-General and State Treasurer, and awarded to the highest bidder. Provided, that no certificate hereby authorized to be issued shall be negotiated for less than its par value.

SEC. 3. The bonds of the State and certificates of indebtedness, now over due, shall be receivable in payment of the said loan, under such regulations as the Governor, Auditor-General and State Treasurer may prescribe; and every bidder for the loan now authorized to be issued shall state in his bid how much of the same is payable in cash or in the bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the Commonwealth.

SEC. 4. That all trustees, executors, administrators, guardians, agents, treasurers, committees, or other persons, holding in a fiduciary capacity bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the State, or money, are hereby authorized to bid for the loan hereby authorized to be issued, and to surrender the bonds or certificates of loan held by them at the time of making such bid, and to receive the bonds hereby authorized to be issued by act.

SEC. 5. Any person or persons standing in the fiduciary capacity stated in the fourth section of this act, who may desire to invest money in the bonds of the Commonwealth out of the trust, may, without any order of court, invest the same in the bonds authorized to be issued by this act, at a rate of premium not exceeding twenty per centum.

SEC. 6. That from and after the passage of this act, all the bonds of the Commonwealth shall be paid off in the order of their maturity.

SEC. 7. That all loans of this Commonwealth, not yet due, shall be exempt from State, municipal or local taxation after the interest due February first, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, shall have been paid.

SEC. 8. That all existing laws, or portions thereof, inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

JOHN F. GLASS,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
E. W. HALL,
Speaker of the Senate.

Approved the second day of February, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven.

JOHN W. GEARY.

In accordance with the provisions of the above act of Assembly, sealed proposals will be received at the office of the State Treasurer, in the City of Harrisburg, Penn., until 12 o'clock M., on the 1st day of April, A. D. 1867, to be indersed as follows: "Proposals for Pennsylvania State Loan," Treasury Department, Harrisburgh, Penn., U. S. A.

Bids will be received for $5,000,000, reimbursable in five years and payable in ten years; $8,000,000 reimbursable in ten years and payable in fifteen years; and $10,000,000 reimbursable in fifteen years and payable in twenty-five years. The rate of interest to be either five or six per cent. per annum, which must be explicitly stated in the bid, and the bids most advantageous to the State will be accepted. No bid for less than par will be considered. The bond will be issued in sums of $50, and such higher sums as desired by the loaners, to be free from State, local and municipal taxes.

The over-due bonds of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will be received at par in payment of this loan, but bidders must state whether they intend to pay in cash or in the over-due loans aforesaid.

No distinction will be made between bidders paying in cash or over-due loans.

JOHN W. GEARY,
Governor of Pennsylvania.
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NEW-YORK, March 2, 1867.

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Coupon, 1881	110¾	110¾	July, "	106⅝	106⅝
5-20 Regist'd '62	107⅜	108	June, C.L.N'ts, '67	117⅜	117⅝
5-20 Coupon, '62	110½	111¾	July, C.L.N'ts, "	117	117⅜
5-20 Coupon, '64	107⅜	108⅛	Aug., C.L.N'ts, "	116¾	116⅞
5-20 Coupon, '65	103⅜	103⅝	Oct., C.L.N'ts, "	114⅝	114¾
5-20 " new, '65	106½	106⅞	Dec., C.L.N'ts, "	114⅜	114⅝
10-40 Registered	98	98⅜	May, C.L.N'ts, '68	113⅜	113⅝
10-40 Coupon	98	98⅜	Aug., C.L.N'ts, "	112⅝	112⅞
Gold	138½	138⅝	Sept., C.L.N'ts, "	111⅝	111¾
August, 7-30	106⅞	108	Oct., C.L.N'ts, "	110⅞	111⅛

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ISSUE COMMERCIAL CREDITS AND TRAVELERS' CREDITS FOR USE IN THIS COUNTRY AND ABROAD.

QUEENS COUNTY INTEREST.
The interest, due March 1, on the bonds of Queens County, and on the bonds of the late town will be paid at the Atlantic National Bank of Brooklyn, or by the Treasurer at his office in the village of Flushing.
CHARLES L. ROE, County Treasurer.

WANTED,
AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE SCRIP.
SHEPARD & PIERCE,
Attorneys, No. 62 Broadway.

OFFICE OF THE CHICAGO AND ALTON RAILROAD COMPANY, No. 84 Broadway,
NEW-YORK, Feb. 4, 1867.
CHICAGO AND ALTON RAILROAD FIRST MORTGAGE SINKING FUND BONDS.—Notice is hereby given that we have this day designated for the redemption of Bonds, numbered as follows, viz.: 63, 436, 42, 570, 81, 244, 443, 234, 34, 78, 158, 824, 144, 207, 368, 30 and 266, of $1,000 each, for redemption.
According to the terms of the mortgage, interest thereon will cease May 1, 1867.
The undersigned are ready to pay them, with interest, so far as accrued, on presentation and surrender.
S. J. TILDEN, No. 12 Wall-st.
L. H. MEYER, No. 48 Exchange-place.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH, FORT WAYNE AND CHICAGO RAILWAY CO.,
PITTSBURGH, Feb. 21, 1867.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE election of Board of Directors, for the ensuing year, of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railway Company will be held at the Company's office in the City of Pittsburgh, on WEDNESDAY, the 20th day of March, 1867, at 12 o'clock. The Stock and Bond Transfer Books will be closed on March 3, at 3 P. M., and reopen 21st.
By order of the Board,
C. HUTCHINSON, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES LIFE-INSURANCE CO., IN THE CITY OF NEW-YORK,
No. 49 WALL-ST.
NEW-YORK, Feb. 18, 1867.
ELECTION NOTICE.—THE ANNUAL ELECtion for ten Directors of this Company, and for three Inspectors of Election, will be held at this office on MONDAY, the 4th day of March next, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 1 o'clock P. M.
By order.
JOHN RADIE, Secretary.

PRESTON COAL AND IMPROVEMENT COMPANY,
No. 236½ WALNUT-ST.,
PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 21, 1867.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKholders and election of Directors of the Preston Coal and Improvement Company will be held at the office of the Company, on WEDNESDAY, March 6, 1867, at 12 M.
H. P. RUTTER, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE TRADESMEN'S FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
No. 153 BOWERY, CORNER OF BROOME-ST.
NEW-YORK, Feb. 27, 1867.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR THIRTY Directors of this Company, and for three Inspectors of Election, will be held at this office on TUESDAY, the 12th day of March inst. Polls open from 12 M. to 2 P. M.
T. Y. BROWN, Secretary.

ENNISKILLEN PETROLEUM AND REFINERY CO.,
OFFICE NO. 48 BROAD-ST.,
NEW-YORK, March 1, 1867.
THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THIS COMpany will meet on TUESDAY, March 12, 1867, at 2 P. M. By order of the Board of Trustees.
JAMES S. WHITE, Secretary.

NOTICE.—THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders of the Locomotive Engine Safety Truck Company will be held at their office, No. 30 Cortlandt-st., New-York, on TUESDAY, March 12 inst., at 12 M., for the transaction of such business as may legally come before the meeting.
JOEL C. LANE, Secretary.

FOR SALE—LIMITED AMOUNT OF MORRIS and Essex Railroad Company 1st mortgage 7 per cent. bonds, 50 years to run; interest payable May and November.
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FISK GOLD MINING COMPANY.
ELECTION OF TRUSTEES.
The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Fisk Gold Mining Company for the election of Trustees for the ensuing year, will be held at the office of the Company, No. 120 Fulton-st., on TUESDAY, March 12, at 12 o'clock M., the polls to remain open one hour—from 12 to 1 P. M. The transfer-books will be closed for five days previous to the election.
J. STRINGER, Secretary.

DIVIDENDS.

OFFICE OF THE CHICAGO AND ALTON RAILROAD COMPANY,
CHICAGO, ILL., Feb. 14, 1867.
DIVIDEND NOTICE.—NOTICE IS HEREBY given to the Stockholders of the Chicago and Alton Railroad Company that a dividend of five per cent., free of Government tax, has been declared out of the earnings of the road for the last six months, upon the Preferred and Common Stock of the Company, payable at the office of Messrs. M. K. JESUP & COMPANY, No. 84 Broadway, New-York, on the FOURTH DAY OF MARCH NEXT, to holders of said stock who may be registered as such at the close of business hours on the 23d day of February, 1867, at which time the transfer-books will be closed, and reopened on the 5th day of March next for transfers.
M. LARRABEE, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, NEW-YORK, Feb. 20, 1867.
THIRTY-FIFTH DIVIDEND.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Directors have this day declared a Dividend of Three (3) per Cent. out of the net earnings of the quarter ending Jan. 31, 1867, payable at the office of the Company, Friday, March 1.
The transfer books will be closed Thursday, Feb. 21, at 4 P. M., and reopened Monday, March 4, at 10 A. M.
By order of the Board of Directors.
THEODORE F. JOHNSON, Secretary.

SENSENDERFER MINING COMPANY.—The Trustees have declared a Dividend of One per cent. on the capital stock, payable at the office of the Company, March 9, 1867. Transfer-books closed from March 4 to the 9th, inclusive.
H. A. SHERRILL, Treasurer, No. 19 Broad-st.

TO LET.

CITY OF NEW-YORK, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, Feb. 14, 1867.
DOCKS AND SLIPS, HOUSES, &c., TO RENT.—The Comptroller of the City of New-York will receive proposals until SATURDAY, March 16, 1867, at 2 o'clock P. M., for the letting for one year of such wharves, piers, houses, &c., the leases of which expire May 1, 1867.
Information concerning the location of the property may be had upon application to the Collector of City Revenue, at his office.
By order of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.
RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

TO LEASE—THE FIRST-CLASS FIVE-STORY A building, with basement and sub-cellar, now being completed on the four lots on Houston, southeast corner of Greene-st., 100x100 feet, with marble fronts on Houston-st., will be ready for immediate occupation. Parties desirous of locating on this great line of improvements, near to Broadway, in a most superior building, will please confer with me immediately in relation to renting same. Also any parties who have made application for the same, will please call as above if required.
H. J. HOWARD, No. 54 Greene-st., near Broome.

TO LET OR LEASE—POSSESSION GIVEN April 1.—A large brick cottage adjoining the residence of the subscriber, containing 12 rooms, with outbuildings and one acre of ground and garden, situated two miles from the City Hall, and one mile from Croton Landing, Hudson River Railroad; rent $550. Also, a small cottage with 8 rooms, ice-house filled, one acre of land, quarter of a mile from Croton Landing depot; rent $250. For particulars apply to PIERCE VAN CORTLANDT, Croton Landing Post-office.

TO LET—FOR THE SUMMER, A WELL FURnished and commodious house, with stables, icehouse, garden, &c. It is healthily situated within three minutes' walk of the Madison depot of the Morris and Essex Railroad, and 1¼ hours' ride from New-York. Apply to Rev. W. WINDEYER, Madison, N. J.

TO LET OR LEASE—ELEGANT COUNTRY residence at Yonkers, 20 minutes from the station, with five acres of ground, stabler, carriage-house and other outbuildings; seven minutes from railroad station and five minutes from the river. Will be let with furniture. Apply to F. A. THOMPSON, No. 60 Warren-st.

TO LET—A FINE MANSION, WITH FINE OUTbuildings, 17 acres of ground, half a mile west of William's Bridge Station, Harlem Railroad, on high ground; has fine view. For particulars, inquire of Mrs. A. BUHDE, on the premises.

TO LET—THE FOUR-STORY, MARBLE BUILDing erected by the Union Dime Savings Bank, Nos. 396 and 398 Canal-st., (except banking-room,) 61 feet front by 56 feet in depth; desirable for mercantile purposes. Inquire at Bank.

A GOTHIC COTTAGE TO LET—TWO-story, with basement, with 1¼ acres ground and good barn, at South Yonkers; ¾ mile from Kingsbridge; within short drive of Hudson River and Harlem Railroad stations. Apply to COOPER BROS., No. 457 3d-av.

OFFICES TO LET—TWO DESIRABLE OFfices, fronting in S. 4th-st., on second floor, from May 1. Apply to F. PERKINS, No. 93 South-st., corner Fulton-st.

TO LET—A ROOM ON BROADWAY, SECOND floor, 2x65, suitable for an insurance office; possession immediately if required. Inquire at the office of the American Bank Note Company, No. 142 Broadway.

TO LET—NO. 204 FRONT-ST., WITH STEAM power; also four fine lofts on Fulton-st. with steam power. Inquire of WM. H. GOODWIN & CO., No. 207 Water-st.

FURNISHED ROOMS TO LET—TO GENtlemen only, No. 70 West 4th-st., opposite Washington-square. References required.

A STORE TO LET—23x100; WELL LIGHTED, excellent location for furniture or dry goods. No. 6 4th-av.

TO LEASE—FOR BOARDING OR BUSINESS purposes, on Union-square, a fine corner, with stable on the rear. Apply to HOMER MORGAN, 2 Pine-st.

TO LET—THE MODERN THREE-STORY dwelling-house No. 7 4th-p. place. For permit apply to J. B. IRELAND, No. 124 Nassau-st.

TO LET—MODERN THREE-STORY DWELling-house, No. 22 East 13th-st. For permit apply to J. B. IRELAND, No. 124 Nassau-st.

TO RENT FURNISHED—COUNTRY SEAT of eight miles south of Poughkeepsie. Apply to ABNER L. ELY, No. 22 Pine-st.

TO LET—THE TWO-STORY DWELLINGhouse No. 6 Amity-st. For permit apply to J. B. IRELAND, No. 124 Nassau-st.

FIRST LOFT, NO. 16 MURRAY-ST. to let, 25x90; with part of fourth. Apply to SHERMAN BROTHERS, No. 42 Warren-st.

TO LET—ALL THE FOUR LOFTS IN THE building No. 2 Broadway. Apply there and particulars apply to ABNER L. ELY, No. 22 Pine-st.

OFFICE TO LET—IN NO. 14 MAIDEN-LANE, suitable for jewelers. Apply to URIAH J. SMITH, No. 23 Liberty-st.

TO LEASE—80x100 FEET ON UNION-SQUARE. Apply to HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

NO. 49 EAST TWENTY-FIRST-ST.—A well-furnished room to let without board.

FURNISHED ROOMS TO LET—ALSO AN office for a physician, at No. 5 West 31st-st.

TO LET—PART OF THE OFFICE NO. 8, NO. 5 Beekman-st., first floor over Park Bank.

HOUSES & ROOMS WANTED.

WANTED—PART OF A HOUSE, CENTRALLY located, with a private family, after May 1; applicants require the first floor; one large and two small bedrooms, which they would furnish; board desired with the family or by private table; terms must be moderate; references exchanged. Address, with full particulars, Box No. 968 Post-office.

FURNISHED HOUSE WANTED.—PARties who intend visiting Europe, and wishing to have their house well taken care of, and willing to rent the same at a moderate rate to a small American family, can address PALMER, Box No. 144 *Times* Office. Highest reference given.

PARLOR, KITCHEN AND TWO BEDROOMS wanted, with gas and water, by a small American family, in New-York, Brooklyn or Yorkville, from May 1, 1867. Rent not to exceed $20 per month. Address CHARLES, Box No. 17 *Times* Office.

WANTED TO RENT—EITHER IN NEW-York or Brooklyn, a good three-story brick house, with modern improvements. Address, stating location and rent, S. G., Box 151 *Times* Office. House agents need not apply.

A SINGLE GENTLEMAN, OF PERFECT responsibility, wishing to furnish rooms for himself, would be willing to hire part of the furniture of a family about leaving town. Address A. HEINE, Box No. 125 *Times* Office.

WANTED—BY A GENTLEMAN AND WIFE, 3 or 4 rooms on second floor, with improvements, in a good locality below 20th-st., east side, with a respectable family. Address H. B., Box No. 3,294 New-York Post-office, stating terms, location, &c.

WANTED—TO RENT, WITHIN ABOUT ONE hour's ride of New-York, healthy location, a neat cottage, with some ground attached. Address, with full particulars, J. F. R., Box No. 18 Post-office.

WANTED—A STORE, 25x100, ON OR NEAR Broadway, not above 24th-st. Rent about $4,000. STORE, Box No. 5,027 Post-office.

WANTED—A SMALL AND NEAT COUNTRY house, convenient to City. Will rent by the year; not over $400. COUNTRY HOUSE, Box 5,027 Post-office.

WANTED—AN UNFURNISHED HOUSE IN good locality. Rent not over $1,500. HOUSE, Box No. 5,027 Post-office.

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CITY REAL ESTATE.

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AUCTIONEERS AND REAL ESTATE BROKERS,
No. 25 Nassau-st., corner Cedar-st., New-York.
MONDAY, MARCH 11, 1867,
at 12 o'clock, at Exchange Salesroom,
No. 111 Broadway, New-York:
WEST 43D-ST.—Two three-story brick houses and lots on the north side of West 43d-st., between 5th and 6th avs., basement as Nos. 41 and 43. No. 41 has high-stoop, under cellar, modern improvements, in good order; No. 43 is 22.6x42. French basegrate, modern improvements, fresco'd throughout, gas fixtures belong to the houses; lots 100.5; 60 per cent. may remain on mortgage.

FOR SALE TO CLOSE AN ESTATE.

Business property, No. 448 Houston-st.	$4,750
Business property, No. 450 Houston-st.	5,500
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A portion on mortgage.
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FOR SALE—ONE OF THE MOST ELEGANT establishments in this City, located on 40th-st., between 5th and Madison avs.; house 20 feet wide, built and finished in the very best manner for the present owner's occupancy, and now only sold on account of his changing his residence. For particulars apply to HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

FOR SALE—THE FOUR-STORY HIGH-STOOP brown-stone houses and lots Nos. 8 and 10 West 49th-st., No. 9 in 25x76, No. 10 is 16.6x80; lots 100 feet deep—finished in the best manner with all the modern improvements; high ground and one of the best locations in the City. Inquire of G. & W. YOUNGS, 163 7th-av.

FOR SALE—IN CONSEQUENCE OF FAMILY going to Europe, four-story brown-stone elegant house on 36th-st., between Park and Lexington avs., with or without furniture; one of the best houses offered for sale. Price $40,000, or $50,000 with furniture. Apply to HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

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FOR SALE—TWO DESIRABLE FOUR-STORY English basement houses, well built and in perfect order, on 33d-st., between Lexington and 3d avs.; terms easy. Apply to CHAS. RUSTON, No. 82 Nassau-st.

BOULEVARD LOTS FOR SALE.—110 LOTS on 115th, 116th, 117th and 118th sts., Broadway, and front on Hudson River, including water right. Apply to HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

FOR SALE—THE THREE-STORY BRICK house and lot No. 258 West 18th-st. For particulars and card to view premises, apply to S. CRAWFORD, No. 119 Fulton-st.

FOR SALE OR TO LET—THE LARGE house on the corner of 23d-st. and 7th-av.; suitable for a clothing or boarding-house or business purpose. Apply to HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

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FOR SALE—ON 16TH-ST., NEAR UNIONsquare, a handsome three-story house, 26 feet wide, 55 feet deep; lot 103 feet deep; price $35,000. Apply to HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

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FOR SALE—THE THREE-STORY BRICK house, No. 140 West 48th-st. Inquire on premises.

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ARAGO.....H. A. Gadsden...Saturday, April 13
MISSISSIPPI.....G. Sumner...Saturday, April 27
FULTON.....C. H. Townsend...Saturday, May 11
MERRIMAC.....E. Van Sice.....Saturday, May 25
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ST. LAURENT.....BOCANDE.....SATURDAY, April 20

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CITY OF BOSTON.....SATURDAY.....Mar. 16
CITY OF BALTIMORE.....SATURDAY.....Mar. 23
and each succeeding SATURDAY and WEDNESDAY, at noon, from Pier No. 45 North River.

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No. 15 Broadway, New-York.

CUNARD EMIGRANT LINE.
BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT QUEENSTOWN.
FROM NEW-YORK EVERY WEDNESDAY.

TARIFA.....March 6
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RATES OF PASSAGE:
Cabin.....$80 Gold.
Steerage.....$30 Currency.
Steerage tickets from Liverpool or Queenstown $35 currency.
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For Freight and Cabin Passage, at No. 4 Bowling-green. E. CUNARD.

LONDON AND NEW-YORK STEAMSHIP LINE.
Passage to London or Brest, $110, $75 and $30 currency. Excursion tickets at reduced rates available for six days.
CELLA, Capt. GLADELL, from New-York, Mar. 9.
WM. PENN, Capt. BILLINGE, from New-York, Mar. 16.
PENNSYLVANIA, Capt. French, from New-York, Mar. 30.
BELLONA, Capt. DIXON, from New-York, April 13.
The British iron steamship CELLA, will leave Pier No. 3, North River, for London, calling at Brest, on SATURDAY, March 9.
Until further notice all the steamers of this line will call at Brest to land passengers. Tickets sold through to Paris at 85 cents less than regular rates.
Freight will be taken and through bills of lading given to Havre, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Amsterdam, and Hamburg.
For passage apply to CHAS. A. WHITNEY, No. 36 Broadway.
For freight apply at No. 14 South-st.
HOWLAND & ASPINWALL, Agents.

DIRECT STEAMSHIP LINE
BETWEEN
ANTWERP AND NEW-YORK.
The undersigned will dispatch the first-class English iron steamer
OTTOWA, Capt. ARCHER.
From Antwerp.....SATURDAY, March 23
From New-York.....SATURDAY, April 13
Taking passengers at the following rates:
First Cabin (according to location and state room).$75 to $90
Steerage.....$40
EXCURSION TICKETS AT
First Cabin.....$120 Steerage.....$67 50
payable in gold or its equivalent.
Other first-class steamers will follow from either side every second SATURDAY.
Freight on as low terms as other first-class lines for Antwerp, Rotterdam and Amsterdam.
For passage or freight apply to
HILLER & CO., No. 3 Chambers-st.

PASSAGE TO AND FROM
GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND
BY STEAMSHIP LIVERPOOL PACKET,
AT REDUCED RATES.
DRAFTS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT ENGLAND, IRELAND, SCOTLAND AND WALES.
For particulars apply to
TAPSCOTT, BROTHERS & CO.,
No. 86 South-st., and No. 23 Broadway.

FOR HAVANA, VIA NASSAU, N. P.
The British and North American Royal Mail Steam Packet Company's new and fine steamship, Capt. LE MESURIER, will sail for the above ports, from the Company's wharf, at Jersey City, on
SATURDAY.....March 23 SATURDAY.....April 20
At noon.
Passage money to Nassau.....$45
Passage money to Havana.....50
Payable in gold or its equivalent.
For freight or passage, apply to
E. CUNARD, No. 4 Bowling-green.

UNITED STATES MAIL TO HAVANA.
ATLANTIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
EVERY SATURDAY, AT 3 P. M., FROM PIER No. 4 NORTH RIVER.
The elegant side-wheel steamships
MORRO CASTLE.....ADAMS.....SATURDAY, Mar. 9
MORGAN.....HOWES.....SATURDAY, Mar. 16
COLUMBIA.....BARTON.....SATURDAY, Mar. 23
GARRISON & ALLEN, Ag'ts, 5 Bowling-green, N. Y.

FOR ST. THOMAS AND BRAZIL.
UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
REGULAR MAIL STEAMERS sailing on the 22d of every month:
GUIDING STAR, Capt. GEO. R. SLOCUM, March 22.
NORTH AMERICA, Capt. L. F. TINKHAM, April 22.
SOUTH AMERICA, Capt. L. TINKHAM, May 22.
These elegant steamers sail on schedule time, and call at St. Thomas. Para, Pernambuco, Bahia and Rio de Janeiro, going and returning. For engagement of freight or passage, apply to GARRISON & ALLEN, Agents,
No. 5 Bowling-green, New-York

ST. JOHN'S, P. R., ST. THOMAS, LAGUAYRA AND PORTO CABELLO.
The first-class steamship
MERCEDITA,
carrying the United States mails,
is now receiving freight at Pier 20 East River, and will sail WEDNESDAY, March 6, at 3 P. M. The boats of this line make connection with steamers from St. Thomas for Jamaica, Windward Islands, &c. For freight or passage apply to SMITH & DUNNING, No. 65 South-st.

FOR RICHMOND, NORFOLK AND CITY POINT.
OLD DOMINION STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
FROM PIER 37 NORTH RIVER, FOOT BEACH-ST.
Steamship ALBEMARLE, Capt. BOWEN, leaves every WEDNESDAY at 12 o'clock noon.
Steamship HATTERAS, Capt. ALEXANDER, saves every SATURDAY at 12 o'clock noon.
Giving through bills of lading to all points on the Seaboard and Roanoke Railroad and its connections.
Bills of lading signed on the pier.
For freight or passage apply to the office on the pier, or to C. G. MEDBERY, President.
No. 187 Greenwich-st., corner of Dey-st.

THE OLD LINE
FOR RICHMOND, NORFOLK AND CITY POINT.
From Pier No. 21, North River.
Steamship SARATOGA, Capt. KING,
leaves every WEDNESDAY at 3 P. M.
Steamship ROANOKE, Capt. S. BLAKEMAN,
every SATURDAY at 3 P. M.
C. HINCKEN & PALMORE,
No. 115 Broadway, Agents.

SHIPPING.

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THE MONTANA AND IDAHO TRANSPORTATION LINE
WILL GIVE THROUGH BILLS LADING TO FORT BENTON, HELENA, VIRGINIA CITY, BANNOCK CITY, DIAMOND CITY, DEER LODGE, AND ALL POINTS IN THE MINING DISTRICTS.
All steamers of this line class A No. 1. We have our own trains to fulfill our contracts.
The A No. 1 light draught steamer AMELIA POE, THOMAS POE, master, will leave SATURDAY, March 16 (or as soon as navigation is open in Omaha.)
The A No. 1 light draught steamer YORKTOWN, G. W. EBERT, master, will leave on SATURDAY, March 23.
The A No. 1 light draught steamer G. A. THOMPSON, will leave TUESDAY, March 26.
The A No. 1 light draught steamer DEER LODGE, ——, master, will leave WEDNESDAY, April 3.
The other boats of the line will be started during the season, as may be required.
For freights or passage, apply to
J. HAGER, Agent.
No. 41 Broad-st.; or
JOHN G. COPELIN, Agent,
S. E. corner Maine and Olive sts., St. Louis, Mo.

NEW-YORK & BREMEN STEAMSHIP CO.
THE FIRST-CLASS U. S. MAIL STEAMSHIP WESTERN METROPOLIS, WILLIAM WEBB, Master, will leave Pier-42 N. R., foot of Canal-st., Thursday, March 7, at 10 A.M., FOR SOUTHAMPTON AND BREMEN,
taking passengers to Southampton, London, Havre and Bremen, at the following rates, payable in gold or its equivalent in currency:
First cabin, $120; second cabin, $70; steerage, $37 50. From Bremen, Southampton and Havre to New-York, first cabin, $125; second cabin, $75; steerage, 45.
EXCURSION TICKETS OUT AND HOME.
First cabin, $220; second cabin, $135; steerage, $75.
To be followed by the
ATLANTIC, Capt. C. HOYER.....April 6
BALTIC, Capt. A. G. JONES.....April 20
FURTHER DEPARTURES FROM NEW-YORK:
May 4, June 1, June 15, June 29, July 20.
For freight or passage apply to
ISAAC TAYLOR, President. No. 43 Broadway.

FROM NEW-YORK TO FRANCE
DIRECT.
STEAMSHIP GREAT EASTERN.
CARRYING THE UNITED STATES MAILS.
SIR JAMES ANDERSON, Commander.
The French "Company of Charterers" of the GREAT EASTERN, having provided the ship with new boilers, and thoroughly refitted and refurnished her in every department, with special reference to this service, will run her regularly between New-York and Brest, as follows:

LEAVING NEW-YORK. LEAVING BREST.
TUESDAY.....April 9 SATURDAY.....April 27.
THURSDAY.....May 16 TUESDAY.....June 4
SATURDAY.....June 2 THURSDAY.....July 11
TUESDAY.....July 30 SATURDAY.....Aug. 24
THURSDAY.....Sept. 12 TUESDAY.....Oct. 1
SATURDAY.....Oct. 19 THURSDAY.....Nov.
TAKING ONLY FIRST-CLASS PASSENGERS.
Passage rates in gold, or its equivalent, $140, $125, $100, according to location and size of room. Tickets for the home passage issued at a reduction of $20 to passengers remaining previous to the return. Passengers can be furnished on board with railroad tickets from Brest to Paris at the reduced rate of $16 50 for first-class and $7 50 for second-class, being a reduction of 25 per cent. on regular rates. Twenty cubic feet of baggage allowed to each passenger. Letters of credit issued for England and Continent.
For passage apply to WELLS, FARGO & CO., Passage Agents, No. 84 Broadway.
For freight, to WM. T. COLEMAN & CO., No. 117 Front-st.

GRAND EXCURSION.
TO THE PARIS EXPOSITION.
The new and first-class ocean-going iron steamship
CITY OF LIMA,
3,000 tons burden,
STEPHEN WHITMAN, Commander,
will make an excursion from New-York to Havre and back, sailing from Pier No. 46 North River, on TUESDAY, April 16, at 12 o'clock M., taking passengers for Paris, London and Bremen. Returning, will sail from Havre on June 5, giving passengers holding excursion tickets about six weeks in Europe.
This magnificent steamship is divided into water-tight compartments, and has been newly furnished and elegantly fitted up expressly for this voyage.
The HAVANA will carry only first-class passengers.
An experienced surgeon on board.
Price of passage, in currency, to Havre and return, $250; and $200, according to size of state-room. To Havre only, $150 and $175.
For further particulars and passage apply to the agents,
MURRAY, FERRIS & CO., No. 62 South-st., or THAYER & SARGENT, No. 26 South-st.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S
THROUGH LINE TO
JAPAN AND CHINA,
VIA PANAMA AND SAN FRANCISCO.
CARRYING THE UNITED STATES MAIL.
Steamer HENRY CHAUNCEY will leave Pier No. 42 North River, foot of Canal-st., New-York, at 12 o'clock noon on MONDAY, March 11, 1867, connecting via Panama Railroad with steamer MONTANA, for San Francisco, where passengers will be transferred to the company's splendid steamer COLORADO, to leave that port at noon on WEDNESDAY, April 3, 1867, direct for Yokohama and Hong Kong.
Passengers prefer to lie over ten days at San Francisco, Panama or Acapulco, can take the RISING STAR hence March 1, connecting with GOLDEN CITY.
Through tickets issued from New-York, adding to regular prices between New-York and San Francisco the following rates, payable in gold or its equivalent:
To be followed by the
GOLDEN CITY.....March 1
Due notice will be given of subsequent voyages.
For freight or cabin passage, apply at the office on the wharf, Pier No. 42 North River, foot of Canal-st., to F. R. BABY, Agent.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S
THROUGH LINE
TO CALIFORNIA,
CARRYING UNITED STATES MAIL,
VIA PANAMA RAILROAD.
Steamers leave Pier No. 42 North River, foot of Canal-st., at 12 o'clock, noon, as follows:
MONTANA, Capt. W. G. FURBER, connecting with GOLDEN CITY, Capt. WATKINS, MARCH 11.—HENRY CHAUNCEY, Capt. A. G. GRAY, connecting, the MONTANA, Capt. SUPPER, MARCH 21.—OCEAN QUEEN, Capt. T. A. HARRIS, connecting with CONSTITUTION, Capt. CAVERLY.
All departures touch at Acapulco; those of 1st and 21st connect at Panama with steamers for South Pacific ports; 1st and 11th for Central American Ports, and those of 1st touch at Manzanillo.
Departure of 11th each month connects with the new steam line from Panama to Australia and New-Zealand.
Steamer of March 11, 1867, will connect with the Company's steamer COLORADO, to save San Francisco for Yokohama and Hong Kong, on April 3, 1867.
100 pounds baggage allowed each adult. Medicines and attendance free.
For passage tickets and all further information apply at the office on the wharf, foot of Canal-st., North River, New-York. F. R. BABY, Agent.

STEAM COMMUNICATION BETWEEN
NEW-YORK AND AUSTRALASIA.
VIA PANAMA.
The Panama, New-Zealand and Australian Royal Mail Company's steamers sail from Sydney, N. S. Wales, on the 3d each month from Panama to Wellington, N. Z., and the Australian Colonies, connecting with the steamer of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company leaving New-York for Aspinwall (Colon) on the 1st and 21st of each month. First and second class passengers will be conveyed under through ticket at the following rates: From New-York to ports in New-Zealand, or to Sydney or Melbourne, $340 to $345 for first class, and $218 to $243 for second class, payable in United States gold coin.
Special steamers run to the newly-discovered gold region of Hokitika, New-Zealand.
Arrangements are now completed for issuing through bills of lading. Freight payable here.
For further information, application is to be made to the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, No. 29 Wall-st., or to CHARLES W. WEST, Agent,
No. 23 William-st., New-York.

FOR SAVANNAH—EVERY THURSDAY.
The Atlantic Coast Mail Steamship Company's side-wheel steamer
GENERAL BARNES, Capt. MORTON, sails THURSDAY, March 7.
HERMAN LIVINGSTON, Capt. BAKER, sails THURSDAY, March 14.
From Pier No. 36 North River, at 3 P. M. precisely. Through passage tickets and bills of lading to all points in connection with the Atlantic and Gulf Railroad to points in Florida. For freight or passage apply to LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., Agents, No. 85 Liberty-st.

EMPIRE LINE FOR SAVANNAH.
Every SATURDAY from Pier No. 13 North River, punctually at 3 o'clock P. M.,
The favorite sidewheel steamships
SAN JACINTO, Atkins, Commander, sails March 9.
EMPIRE CITY, Whilden, Commander, sails March 16.
Through tickets and bills of lading to all points in connection with the Central Railroad of Georgia, Atlantic and Gulf Railroad, and Florida steamers.
Elegant passenger accommodations.
GARRISON & ALLEN No. 5 Bowling-green, N. Y.

FOR SAVANNAH, GA.—EVERY TUESDAY.—
F Murray's Steamship Line.—The new and elegant steamship LEO, H. C. DEARBORN, Commander, will sail from Pier 16 North River, foot of Wall-st., on TUESDAY, March 5, at 3 o'clock P. M.
Through bills of lading and passage tickets given to all points in connection with the Georgia Central Railroad. Freight received daily. For freight or passage apply to MURRAY, FERRIS & CO.,
Nos. 61 and 62 South-st.

FOR CHARLESTON, S. C.
THE PEOPLE'S MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
The regular and popular steamship MONEKA, Capt. LEBBY, will leave Pier No. 40 North River, landing freight on SATURDAY MORNING at Charleston.
Through tickets and bills of lading issued to all points South, in connection with the South Carolina Railroad.
LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., Agents, 88 Liberty-st.

FOR CHARLESTON, S. C., THE FLORIDA PORTS AND THE SOUTH AND SOUTH-WEST.—The A 1 fast and sailing steamship SARAGOSSA is now receiving cargo and will sail on SATURDAY, March 9, from Pier No. 14 East River, connecting at Charleston with the steamer DICTATOR for the Florida ports. Through bills of lading and passage tickets issued to all of the principal points on the South Carolina and connecting railroads.
ARTHUR LEARY, No. 73 William-st.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS—BLACK STAR LINE.
The steamship
, Capt.
will leave on , March —, from Pier No. 13 N. R., at 4 o'clock precisely.
For freight or passage, having superior accommodations, apply to R. LOWDEN, Agent,
Corner Cedar and West sts.
DAVID McCOARD, Agent in New-Orleans.
The HUNTSVILLE sails on Saturday, March 16.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT.
The new and first-class steamship GENERAL GRANT, Capt. G. W. COUCH, will leave Pier No. 9 North River on SATURDAY, March 9, at 3 o'clock P. M.
For freight or passage, having unsurpassed accommodations, apply to
E. B. CROMWELL & CO., No. 86 West-st.
The GENERAL MEADE will follow March 16.

STAR LINE FOR NEW-ORLEANS.—THE NEW-YORK MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S fine ocean steamers will leave Pier No. 46 North River, at 3 P. M., as follows:
MERRIMACK, on SATURDAY, March 9.
MONTEREY, on SATURDAY, March 16.
MARIPOSA, on SATURDAY, March 23.
All bills of lading signed at the office upon the pier.
For freight or passage apply to
C. K. GARRISON, President. No. 5 Bowling-green.

UNITED STATES PASSPORT BUREAU.—U. States passports, indispensable to travelers, issued by J. R. SONES, Passport Agent, 262 Broadway.

SHIPPING.

NOTICE TO PARTIES GOING ABROAD.
English, French, German, Spanish and American Gold and Government Securities always on hand and for sale in sums to suit. Also, Drafts in sums of $5 and upward on all the principal cities and towns of Europe.
DE JONGE & CO.,
No. 92 Broadway,
Two doors above Wall-st.

NORTH AMERICAN STEAMSHIP CO.
OPPOSITION LINE TO CALIFORNIA
VIA NICARAGUA EVERY TWENTY DAYS.
Will dispatch the first-class steamships
SAN FRANCISCO, Capt. REMB, March 9,
SANTIAGO DE CUBA, Capt. SMITH, March 30,
From Pier No. 29 North River, foot of Warren-st., at noon, with passengers and freight at very low rates. Connecting on the Pacific Ocean with the fine steamships
AMERICA, Capt. WAKEMAN, and
MOSES TAYLOR, Capt. BLETHEN.
For further information, apply to the North American Steamship Company,
WM. H. WEBB, President,
No. 6 Exchange-place, N. Y.
D. S. CARRINGTON, Agent,
No. 177 West-st., corner Warren-st., N. Y.

FOR GALVESTON, TEXAS, DIRECT.
The fine, fast and favorite steamship
TYBEE,
D. CAULKINS, Commander,
will leave Pier No. 4 North River, on SATURDAY, March 9, at 3 o'clock P. M. precisely, for Galveston direct
For freight or passage, having superior accommodations, apply to
SPOFFORD, TILESTON & CO.,
No. 29 Broadway.
Receiving freight now.
P. S.—No charges made for drayage in Galveston on goods forwarded to the interior by railroad.

RAILROADS.

HUDSON RIVER AND HARLEM RAILROADS.—On and after MONDAY, Nov. 19, 1866, trains for Albany and Troy, connecting with Northern and Western trains, will leave New-York as follows:
8 A. M. Express train, via Hudson River Railroad, 30th-st. and 10th-av., through to Buffalo and Suspension Bridge without change of cars, and connecting at Troy with trains for Saratoga, Rutland, Burlington and Montreal.
10 A. M. Express and Mail train via Hudson River Railroad, connecting at Albany with Western trains, and at Troy with trains for North.
11 A. M. Express train via Harlem Railroad, 26th-st. and 4th-av., connecting at Chatham with Western Railroad for Lebanon Springs, Pittsfield, &c., at Albany with Western trains, and at Troy with trains for Saratoga, Rutland, Burlington and Montreal.
3:45 P. M. Express train via Hudson River Railroad, connecting at Albany with Western trains, and at Troy with trains for Montreal, with sleeping-car attached.
4:15 P. M. Harlem Express Railroad, connecting at Chatham with Western Railroad for Lebanon Springs, Pittsfield, &c., at Albany with Western trains, and at Troy with trains for Saratoga, Rutland, Burlington and Montreal. Sleeping-cars attached at Albany.
6:30 P. M. Express train via Hudson River Railroad, with sleeping-cars attached, and through to Buffalo and Suspension Bridge without change of cars. Also sleeping-car every day excepting Saturdays attached from New-York through to Ogdensburgh without change, via Rome, W. and C. Railroad. Connection at Troy will be made at East Albany. This train will run on Sundays.
11 P. M. Train via Hudson River Railroad, with sleeping-car attached, connecting at Albanyl with early trains for Buffalo and Suspension Bridge, and at Troy with trains for Saratoga and the North.
A Sunday train will be run via Hudson River Railroad from New-York to Poughkeepsie and intermediate stations, leaving New-York at 8:30 A. M., returning, leave Poughkeepsie at 2:45 P. M., arriving in New-York at 6:15 P. M.
Also, a Sunday train via Harlem Railroad, leaving 42d-st. at 9 A. M., and arriving at Millerton at 3:50 P. M. Returning, leave Millerton at 5 P. M., arriving in New-York at 12:20 A. M.
WM. H. VANDERBILT, Vice-President.

ERIE RAILWAY.—TRAINS LEAVE DEPOT (foot of Chambers-st., Pavonia Ferry:
8 A. M.—Day Express for Dunkirk, Buffalo, Salamanca, Dunkirk, and all points West and South.
8:45 A. M.—Way Train daily for Otisville.
10 A. M.—Express for Binghamton, Salamanca and West.
4 P. M.—Way for Port Jervis, Newburgh, Warwick.
5 P. M.—Night Express, Buffalo, Salamanca and Dunkirk.
6:30 P. M.—Way train for Suffern.
6:30 P. M.—Night Express, daily, for Buffalo, Salamanca, Dunkirk, and all points West and South.
7:30 P. M.—Way Train daily for the West.
Also, Way Trains for Boiling Spring, Passaic and Paterson at 6:45 and 9:15 A. M., 12 M., 1:45, 3:45, 4:30, 6:15 and *11 P. M. *Daily. On Wednesday nights a Theatre Train at 12 o'clock.
Express trains run in direct connection with all Southern and Western lines.
W. M. H. RIDDLE,
Gen'l Pass. Agent. Gen'l Sup't.

LONG ISLAND RAILROAD—WINTER ARRANGEMENT. FROM JAN. 3, 1867.
Leave James-slip, New-York:
*A. M., mail train for Greenport and way stations.
11 A. M., Express train and way stations.
3 P. M., Yaphank Express train; and on Saturday nights for Riverhead.
4 P. M., Express train and way stations.
5 P. M., for Farmingdale and way stations.

NORTHERN RAILROAD OF NEW-JERSEY.—Trains leave Jersey City for Piermont at 6:25 and 9:12 A. M. and 1:15 4:22 and 6:02 P. M. Saturdays only at 11:15 P. M. Piermont and way stops at 8:23 A. M. and 4:22 P. M. Connection through to Monsey. THOMAS W. DEMAREST, Sup't.

STEAMBOATS.

MARCH, 1867.
SHREWSBURY, LONG BRANCH AND RED BANK.
STEAMER SEA-BIRD
will leave Pier foot of Chambers-st. as follows:

Monday, March 4,	3 P.M.	Monday, March 4,	7 A.M.
Tuesday, March 5,	3 P.M.	Tuesday, March 5,	7¾ A.M.
Wednesday, March 6,	3 P.M.	Wednesday, March 6,	8 A.M.
Thursday, March 7,	3¾ P.M.	Thursday, March 7,	8 A.M.
Saturday, March 9,	9¾ A.M.	Friday, March 8,	8 A.M.
Tuesday, March 12,	10½ A.M.	Monday, March 11,	8½ A.M.

FALL RIVER LINE.—NEW AND SPLENDID STEAMSHIP PILGRIM.
Leaves Pier No. 2 North River, foot of Murray-st., at 5 P. M. daily, (Sundays excepted.)
Connecting with the Boston and Providence Railroad, arriving in Boston at 6:30 A. M.
Fare, $3 50.
Tickets for sale at the office on the pier, and at No. 3 Astor House.
JAMES FISK, Jr., Agent.

FOR NEW-HAVEN, HARTFORD, &c.—Fare 75 cents. Steamers leave Peck-slip for New-Haven at 3:15, and 11 P. M., connecting with railroad.

AUCTION SALES.

A. M. MERWIN, Auctioneer.
BY BANGS, MERWIN & CO.,
At their Salesrooms, Nos. 694 and 696 Broadway, corner of 4th-st
MONDAY, TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, AFTERNOONS, March 4, 5 and 6, at 4 o'clock,
the entire MEDICAL LIBRARY of the late Dr. David Hosack. This library, which was selected with great care both in this country and in Europe, during the long period in which the late proprietor was engaged, comprises a vast variety of important, scarce and expensive books. Also many presentation copies with the autographs of eminent surgeons and physicians, and also a few choice books relating to the history of America, &c. Catalogues are ready and will be sent to any address on application.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.
AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY ON 10TH-AV.
ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. R. WILKINS & CO. will sell at auction on MONDAY, March 4, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, the following valuable property:
10TH-AV.—The lot of land, with the brick store and dwelling thereon, situate on the easterly side of 10th-av., between 18th and 19th sts., and known as No. 124. The buildings, which are of brick, and well and substantially built, cover the entire lot, are four stories high in front for a depth of 50 feet, one story high for 25 feet and two stories high for 25 feet. Lot 22 feet 4 inches by 100 feet.

MORRIS WILKINS, Auctioneer.
PARTITION SALE OF LOTS ON BROADWAY, FULTON, WALKER AND LISPENARD STS., BELONGING TO THE ESTATE OF WM. ROSS, DEC'D.
P. R. WILKINS & CO. will sell at auction, on WEDNESDAY, March 13, 1867, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, by order of the Supreme Court, under the direction of Aaron J. Vanderpool, Esq., Referee,
BROADWAY—The valuable improved property on the southwest corner Broadway and Walker-st., and known as Nos. 395, 397 and 399 Broadway.
WALKER-ST.—The store lots on the south side of Walker-t., adjoining above on the rear, and known as Nos. 61, 63, 65 and 67 Walker-st.
BROADWAY.—Store and dwelling southeast corner Fulton-st., 4 feet 11 inches front on Broadway, and 160 feet 2 inches front on Fulton-st.; it is now leased to lessees of adjoining property for many years, which term will end May 1, 1871; this lease is terminable by owner of strip on any 1st day of May during the term, on one year's previous notice.
FULTON-ST.—Valuable lot, with buildings, No. 144 Fulton-st., 27x107 feet.
BROADWAY.—Nos. 407 and 409, west side, between Lispenard and Walker sts., 52.6 front, 60.10 rear, by 103.2 in depth.
LISPENARD-ST.—No. 53, 19.6 west of Broadway; valuable lot with buildings, 25.6x100.
Book maps at the office of the auctioneers.
E. H. LUDLOW & CO., No. 3 Pine-st.

CITY OF NEW-YORK, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, Feb. 14, 1867.
FERRY LEASES AT AUCTION.—AT THE City Hall, on TUESDAY, 19th March, 1867, at eleven o'clock A. M., will be sold at public auction, to the highest bidder, with adequate security, for the term of ten years from the first day of May, 1867:
The lease of the Ferry as now established from the foot of Whitehall-street to Staten Island.
The lease of the Ferry to be established from the foot of Twenty-third-street, Fourth Ward, to Pavonia, N. J.
The said ferry leases will be sold with all the rights, privileges and advantages thereof belonging to the Corporation of the City of New-York.
Terms and conditions of sale may be had upon application at the Comptroller's office.
By order of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.
RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

OFFICE OF COLLECTOR OF INTERNAL REVENUE, FOURTH DISTRICT, STATE OF NEW-YORK, NEW-YORK, No. 61 CHAMBERS-ST., Feb. 28, 1867.
WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION, on March 12, 1867, at bonded warehouse, basement No. 46 Cortlandt-st., at 11 o'clock A. M., ten cases, containing about 250,000 cigarettes, the same having been distrained for taxes due the United States under the Internal Revenue Law.
T. F. BAILEY, Collector.

TRUSTEES' SALE.—SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE BY THE TRUSTEES OF THE ESTATE OF SALOMON KOHNSTAMM.—Will be sold at public auction by LELAND LUDLOW & CO., auctioneers, on TUESDAY, the 12th day of March, 1867, at 12 o'clock at noon, at the Merchants' Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, in the City of New-York, the following valuable property:
1. All that certain two-story house and lot of land known as Number One Hundred and Thirteen Leonard-street, in the City of New-York; dimensions of lot, 21 feet 3 inches in width by 81 feet in depth.
2. Also that two-story house known as Number One Hundred and Fifteen Leonard-street, in said City; dimensions of lot, 21 feet 3 inches in width by 81 feet in depth.
3. Also that two-story frame house and lot known as Number Two Benson-street, in said City; dimensions of lot, 23 feet in width by 85 feet in depth—adjacent to said lot Nos. 113 and 115 Leonard-street.
4. Also all that certain house and lot No. 86 Franklin-street, in said City; dimensions of lot, 25 feet in width by 100 feet in depth.
5. Also all that certain house and lot No. 88 Franklin-street, in said City; dimensions of lot, 25 feet in front by 100 feet in depth.
For terms and particulars apply to WM. H. LUFF, No. 48 Wall-st. JOSEPH STUART,
EDGAR S. VAN WINKLE,
Trustees of the Estate of Salomon Kohnstamm.
NEW-YORK, Feb. 16, 1867.

P. C. BOGART, Auctioneer.
POSITIVE SALE OF FOUR VALUABLE LOTS ON 167TH-ST.—220 feet 6 inches west from Avenue B, on THURSDAY, March 7, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway.
Maps at the office, No. 43 Wall-st.
Also, plot on south side of 123d-st., 51 feet west of 7th-av., 124 feet front by an average of 82 feet in depth.

AUCTION SALES.

ROBERT A. HASSARD, Auctioneer.
REFEREE'S SALE.
J. F. PIERCE, Esq., REFEREE.
BY ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT, HAGGERTY & PHELPS will sell on TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 1867, at the Exchange Salesrooms, Trinity Building, No. 111 Broadway, New-York, the valuable
STORE PROPERTY,
ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF PECK-SLIP AND FRONT-ST.
known as No. 25 Peck-slip and No. 227 Front-st.
About 80 per cent. may remain on Bond and Mortgage.
Maps and full particulars at the office of the auctioneers, No. 11 Pine-st.

BY JOHNSON, MILLER & HALL, AUCTIONEERS AND REAL ESTATE BROKERS, No. 36 Nassau-st., corner Cedar-st., New-York.
City residences, stores and lots, country seats and farms, bought, sold, rented and exchanged, loans negotiated, auction sales of furniture, &c.
TUESDAY, March 12,
At 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway.
Positive sale of ten brick and frame dwelling-houses, in the VIIth, IXth and

MONETARY AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—MARCH 2, 1867.

$6,000	U. S. 6s, '81	20	Adams Ex. Co.
10,000	U. S. 5-20s, '65, c.	10	Amer. Ex. Co.
1,000	U. S. 5-20s, '65, n.	20	do
	New	10	Boston, W. P.
10,000	U. S. 5-20s, '65, c.	10	do
	New Issue	10	do
4,000	N. Y. 6s, '74	25	Pac. R. 6ds. Co.
4,000	N. Y. 7 3-10s, Bounty Loan	10	do
60,000	do	10	do
2,000	Mich. So. & L. R. 6s	200	do
1,000	Chi. & Alt. R. 6s	100	Chi. & Alt. R.
3,000	Tenn. 5s, n.	100	N. Y. Cen.
1,000	Mo. 6s, c.	200	do
3,000	do	50	do
9,000	Mo. 6s, Pac. R.	100	Erie Railroad
	Issue	100	Hud. R.R.
20,000	Ohio & M. C.	100	do
10,000	do 2d call	100	do
10,000	do	100	do
20,000	do	300	Reading R.
2,000	Mich. So. & I. R. 6s	200	do
1,000	Chi. & Al. Is. R.	200	Mich. S. & N. I.
19,000	M. C. 8s, Old Bs.	100	do
1,000	Chi. & Al. Is. R.	1500	do
4,000	C. & R. I. & P. 8s	1500	do
20,000	Ill. State of N. Y.	100	Ill. Cen. R.
24,000	Corn Ex. Bk.	1000	Clev. & Pitts.
50,000	Shoe & L. Bank	1000	Chic. & N. W.
2,000	Fourth National	100	do
250	Gen. N. Bank	1000	Chi. & N. W. Pr.
300	Canton Company	300	Chic. & R. I.
300	do	50	do
150	do	200	Tol. W. & W.
200	Cum. Coal Pr.	200	Ft. W. & C.
350	Quick. Min.	300	do
100	Mar. Pref.	300	do
200	At. Mut. S.S. Co.	100	Mil. & St. P.
300	do	100	do
300	do		

OPEN BOARD—10 A. M.

100	Boston W. P.	27	300	Clev. & Pitts.	81¾
200	Mariposa Pref.	s3	200	do	s3 81¾
200	N. Y. Cen.	107½	100	do	81¾
300	do	b5 103	200	do	s3 81¾
400	do	b3 103	600	Chic., R. I. & P.	96⅝
1000	Erie R.	35½	400	do	b3 96⅝
1200	do	s3	35⅝	100	do	b30 95⅝
300	do	b30	35⅝	200	do	s3 96⅝
2100	do	b15	35⅝	300	Chic. & N. W.	b3 98½
400	do	s10	35⅝	200	do	c 98½
400	do	b3	35⅝	200	do	s15 98½
300	Hud. Riv. R.	140	300	do	b3 98½
100	M. S. & N. I.	b3	72¾	200	Chic. & N. W. Pr.	65½
200	F. W. & C.	94¼	100	do	b15 65½
200	do	94¼	100	do	s3 65½
100	do	s3	94⅝		

OPEN BOARD—1 P. M.

200	Boston W. P.	27	850	Clev. & Pitts.	82¾
200	do	b30	27¼	700	do	82¾
200	Mariposa Min.		9	500	do	82
100	Mar. Min. Pr.		22½	400	do	82¾
200	do		22½	100	Chi., R. I. & P.	b10 96
200	do	s60	22¾	200	do	96⅞
200	do	c	22¾	100	do	b3 96⅞
200	Atlantic M.S.S. Co.		94½	500	do	96⅝
300	do		94	1200	Reading R.	103
200	do		93¾	1200	Chic. & N. W.	98⅝
100	do		93¾	200	do	b10 98⅝
200	N. Y. Cen.		103½	200	do	s3 98⅝
200	do	s3	103	100	do	s15 98⅝
200	do	b15	103½	200	do	b5 98⅝
200	Erie Railroad		5.⅞	200	Chic. & N. W. Pref.	65⅝
1100	do	s3	55⅞	100	do	b5 65⅝
200	do	s10	55⅝	100	do	s10 65⅝
100	do		55⅞	100	Ft. Wa. & C.	94⅝
300	do	b3	56⅛	100	do	b3 94⅞
300	M. S. & N. I.		73	100	do	s5 94⅞
200	do	s3	72¾			

MONDAY, March 4—A. M.

The adjournment of the Thirty-ninth Congress at noon to-day will leave the general Tariff Acts, as at present, except the higher Duties on Wool and woolens provided in a special Bill which was sent to the President on Saturday night. The Funding, Banking and Currency Laws are also left as before except that $50,000,-000 lawful Money Certificates of Deposit are authorized to take the place of a portion of the Compound Interest Notes falling due from June to December next, inclusive. The Internal Revenue Laws have been modified in respect to the Income Tax, the Tax hereafter to run uniformly at *five* ℔ cent, on all sums over $1,000, in place of 5 ℔ cent. on sums over $600 and up to $5,000, and 10 ℔ cent. on sums over $5,000. The tax on Woolen manufactures is reduced one-half, that is to 2½ ℔ cent. The Cotton tax is to be 2½ cents ℔ pound in place of 3 cents. Some other taxes are modified and the free list enlarged, while new guards and regulations are enacted for the better collection of the Whisky tax. A concession of $1 ℔ gallon is made in favor of Domestic Brandy from the Grape, for the encouragement of the vine-growers of California and Ohio.

The New Tariff on Wool and Woolens, passed by the Senate on Saturday, and now in the hands of the President, was first passed by the House without a division, on the 27th July last, on the motion of Mr. BINGHAM, of Ohio, (after the Senate had laid the general Tariff Bill of the Thirty-ninth Congress on the table until December,) and provides as follows:

On Woolen manufactured Goods, 50 cents per pound, and 35 ℔ cent. *ad valorem*. On Flannels valued at above 40 cents per pound, and not exceeding 60 cents per pound, 30 cents per pound; valued at above 60 cents per pound and not exceeding 80 cents per pound, 40 cents per pound; valued at above 80 cents per pound, 50 cents (?) per pound, and in addition thereto, upon all descriptions, 35 ℔ cent. *ad valorem*. On tapestry Brussels Carpets 28 cents per square yard, and 35 ℔ cent. *ad valorem*. On Wools of the first class, valued at the place of export, at 32 cents or less per pound, 10 cents per pound and 11 ℔ cent. *ad valorem*; if over 32 cents, 23 cents per pound and 10 ℔ cent. *ad valorem*; on all Wools of the second class, the same as on the first class; on the third class, costing 12 cents or less, 3 cents per pound, if costing over 12 cents 6 cents per pound.

These are all the particulars afforded by the Washington telegram of July 27, 1866. The full text of the Bill, if not reported this morning, will probably be telegraphed on the approval of the President, which must be signified, if at all, by the hour on noon, to make the Bill a law. Should the President sign the Bill, it will probably put an end to the further agitation of the Tariff for some time to come, as the Wool and Woollen interests, thus satisfied, will withdraw from the more general contest for higher Duties. These interests are to be further encouraged by a reduction of the excise on Woollen manufactures, as noticed above. The new Tariff Bill, if signed by the President, will go into effect immediately on its official publication.

The political measures, which were supposed to have a bearing upon the Gold market, and indirectly upon financial confidence, have quietly passed into laws over the Veto of the President, and the question of impeachment, if not wholly given up, goes over to the new Congress. We apprehend no trouble from this source, unless provoked by the neglect or refusal of the President to enforce the laws now passed over his Veto; and judging from his past course, under similar circumstances, we should say there will be no pretence for impeachment.

In regard to the Compound Interest Notes falling due this year, we remark that if the surplus revenues of the Treasury should not warrant their payment in excess of the $50,000,000 lawful Money provided by the new Act, there is sufficient authority in the original Loan Acts of 1863 and 1864 which created this class of paper, for the renewal of the Notes in the same shape at the same or a lower rate of interest, when they fall due. And there is further authority to fund them in the Acts of 1865 and 1866; though we doubt whether the Secretary will be disposed to continue this process, at least until the 7.30 per cents. due next August are funded, if at all. Besides, should the lawful Money deposits on 3 per cent. interest, now authorized to an extent which will take up nearly all the Compounds due before the 15th October next, be found to work well, there is every probability that the Fortieth Congress will extend the amount to at least $100,000,000, as might have been done at the session now expiring but for the preference shown for the substitution of common Greenbacks in the House of Representatives.

We understand that the Treasury has ceased the sales of the new Consolidated 5-20s, January and July, and the purchases of the Second and Third Series of 7.30s. The funding of the First Series will be hastened as rapidly as practicable, and holders are invited, free of express charges either way, to send in their Notes at once and receive the Consolidated 5-20 Gold-bearing Bonds or Registered Stock, now carrying over 60 days accumulated Gold Interest, the difference of interest being adjusted in Currency. They have the additional inducement of a rising market and a rapidly increasing demand for the Gold-bearing Consolidated 5-20s, and the convenience of making their exchanges, free of express charges, through the Treasury Office at New-York, in place of Washington, which they will not have if they await the maturity of the Notes next August. It is further suggested, especially to Country Banks and Savings Institutions, that if they prefer the 7.30 ℔ cent. Currency, bearing security for another year, the price of the Second and Third Series will afford the opportunity of making the exchange.

The Trade of the week past continued to show improvement in the Dry Goods line, Domestic as well as Foreign, and also a fair demand for General Foreign Merchandise. The Export movement also improved to four millions in value for the week. The Customs Duties paid in were again large, and will probably so continue this week if not through the new month. The demand for Gold for this object, until near the close of the week, when about $1,500,000 of the 10-40 Interest was disbursed, caused a decrease of $1,800,000 in the Specie Deposits in Bank. The Currency Deposits, however, will probably show an increase to nearly or quite the same amount, and the Banks, we understand, have added $2,500,000 to their Loans, principally in or upon Government securities. The Greenbacks in reserve are about the same as last Monday. The Country Bank balances, and the course of Currency in National Bank and Greenback Notes, are now tending to New-York, and as the season advances toward the Summer months, this movement, in the absence of exceptional causes of trouble of a political or financial nature, will, as it did the same season last year, lead to increased ease and abundance of supply in the Money market. Of Foreign disturbance, there is, of course, less probability than when the War in Germany and the panic in London were hanging over the Gold and Money market last Spring.

The Import Entries for the past week, including the Dry Goods return in our last paper, amount to $5,898,954, against the total entries of $6,107,765, same week last year. The Export Clearances of Domestic Produce amount to $4,-017,029, against $3,199,051, same week last year. The Export of Specie amounts to $759,182, against $75,453 same week last year. The Customs for the week are $3,262,204. The receipts of Cotton, coastwise and by railroad, are 24,547 bales. The number of emigrant passengers arrived during the week, 1,235.

The gold values of the Import entries of foreign merchandise at New-York since July 1, 1866, the beginning of the current fiscal year, are officially (to Feb. 1) and semi-officially (since) reported as follows—the entries of foreign specie being omitted:

July	$26,505,226	January	$20,862,368
August	23,615,423	Feb. 9	5,729,368
September	21,885,616	Feb. 16	5,736,153
October	23,398,020	Feb. 23	6,572,605
November	19,907,917	March	5,898,954
December	19,500,081		
Total since July 1			$179,601,759
Against same time last year			197,063,830
Decrease since July 1			$17,402,071

The Currency value of the Exports of Domestic Produce and Miscellaneous Goods from New-York, including foreign articles reexported, since July 1, 1866, are as follows, the figures being officially reported to Feb. 1, by months, and since semi-officially, by weeks:

July	$13,498,469	Jan.	$13,448,647
August	12,923,510	Feb. 6	2,881,102
September	11,971,223	Feb. 13	3,540,860
October	14,512,833	Feb. 20	3,297,704
Nov.	13,984,065	Feb. 27	4,017,029
Dec.	17,413,537		
Total since July 1			$111,877,189
Against same time last year			142,926,694
Decrease since July 1			$31,049,495

Gold, March 2, 1867 ..... 139 ℔ cent.
Gold, March 3, 1866 ..... 133¼ ℔ cent.

The Exports of Gold and Silver from New-York have been as follows since Jan. 1:

July	$5,821,459	January	$2,727,762
August	1,867,861	Feb. 2	685,088
September	834,556	Feb. 9	276,507
October	1,463,450	Feb. 16	563,497
November	3,766,690	Feb. 23	677,036
December	3,297,270	March 2	750,182
Total since July 1			$22,254,325
Against same time last year			16,522,487
Increase since July 1			$5,731,838

The deliveries of California Gold at New-York since July 1:

July	$5,115,863	December	$4,443,554
August	6,012,761	January	2,462,309
September	2,805,102	Feb. 10	768,027
October	3,744,757	Feb. 22	961,871
November	2,940,337		
Total since July 1			$29,384,811
Against same time last year			17,750,791
Increase since July 1			$11,634,020

The following are the Customs Receipts in Gold at New-York and the sums of Gold Interest on the Public Debt paid out at the New-York office of the Treasury of the United States since July 1, 1866:

	Customs Received.		Gold Interest Paid.
July	$11,617,979	July	$5,873,378
August	12,703,094	August	356,165
September	12,474,076	September	2,230,322
October	11,507,637	October	218,121
November	8,087,564	November	14,786,281
December	5,294,075	December	1,722,408
January	3,530,364	January	1,836,945
February	11,452,204	February	521,832
March 2	740,000	March 2	1,544,400
Total	$84,024,693	Total	$35,139,640
To date, 1866	$1,686,512	To date, 1866	30,851,783

COURSE OF STOCK EXCHANGE FOR THE WEEK.

American Gold Coin	138¼@140½	@138¾@139
Old U. S. 5-20s, 1862	113⅜@111
Consolidated 5-20s	106½@106¾
First Series, 7.30s	108@108
Seconds and Thirds, 7.30s	105⅝@105⅝
U. S. 5 ℔ cents, 10-40s	101⅜ with div.	@98½
New-York Central	102⅝@102⅞
New-York and Erie	56⅛@56⅝
Rock Island	97⅜@98⅝
Michigan Southern	75⅞@77⅛
Illinois Central	115⅛@115⅞
Hudson River	139@140
Cleveland and Pittsburgh	80¾@82
Fort Wayne and Chicago	96⅜@96¾
Northwestern	36¾@36⅞
Almaden Quicksilver	9@9¼
Reading	104⅜@105¾
Northwestern Preferred	65¾@66⅜
Ohio and Mississippi Certificates	27⅛@27⅜
Mariposa Preferred	22½@22¾
Cleveland and Toledo	119@119
Pacific Mail	131¼@127½

The Gold market worked comparatively steady on Saturday at 138¾@¾@¾ ℔ cent. The upward speculation of the week, which was checked on Thursday by some heavy sales at 140¾@140@139½ ℔ cent., failed to recover on the positive information of the President's Veto in the Afternoon. The Customs demand of the day was $361,000, making for the whole week, $3,-262,204, of which full one-half was drawn from the Specie deposits in Bank. The Gold Interest Disbursements of the day were $1,143,400 on the 10-40 Stock, and for the week, $1,626,232. The Exports of Gold and Silver bars and Gold Coin for the day and week were $759,182. Exchange on London closed 108¾ ℔ cent. The rates for Money to the Brokers 5@6 ℔ cent on the Public Funds, and 6@7 ℔ cent. on other collateral.

The Public Funds advanced to 106¾ ℔ cent. on the Consolidated 5-50s, January and July, and were steady on the other Gold-bearing Stocks and the 7.30s. The suspense on the Stock Exchange in regard to Washington news continued, but the Railway market and the Steamship Shares were rather firmer than on Friday, [illegible] street at 4 o'clock P. M. (no Second Boards on Saturday) as follows:

	Fri.	Sat.		Fri.	Sat.
U. S. 10-40s, rd.	98	98⅜	Northwest.	35½	35½
U. S. 5-20s	111	111	N. West Pref.	68¾	68¾
U. S. 7.30s	106	106	Rock Island	96⅝	96⅝
N. Y. Central	102⅝	102⅝	Fort Wayne	94⅝	94⅝
Erie	35¾	35⅝	Pacific Mail	127¾	127¾
Hudson	140	140	Quicksilver	33½	33
Reading	102⅝	102⅝	W. U. Telegraph	42¾	43¼
Mich. Southern	72⅝	72⅝	Mariposa Pref.	22¾	22¾
Illinois Centra.	116	116	Ohio Certificates	27¼	27¼
Pittsburgh	81	82	American Gold	139	139
Tennessee 6s	66¾	66¾	Bills on London	108¾	108¾

The following bids were made for the various Public Funds of the United States:

6 ℔ cent., 1867	135	5-20 cou., 1865, n. iss.	106⅞
6 ℔ cent. reg., 1867	133	5 ℔ cent. reg., 1874	102¾
6 ℔ cent. coupon, 1868	133	5 ℔ cent., con., 1874	102½
6 ℔ cent. reg'd, 1881	110¾	5 ℔ cent. coupon, 1874	102¾
500 & 1,000, 1881	110¾	5-20 registered	98
5-20 registered, 1862	107¾	10-40 500 & 1,000	98½
5-20 registered, 1864	107	7 3.10 1st series	105⅞
5-20 500 & 1,000	107½	7 3.10 2d series	105⅝
5-20 500 & 1,000, '65	106⅝	7 3.10 3d series	106⅝
5-20 reg., 1865, n. iss	106¾		

And the following for the City Bank Shares:

New-York	117	Bank of N. America	104½
Manhattan	132	Hanover	109¾
Mechanics'	117	Irving	102
Union	115	Metropolitan	103
America	134	People's	125
City	200	Shoe and Leather	111¾
Phenix	104	Corn Exchange	118¾
National	111	Commonwealth	108
Merchants' Exch'ge	108	Impt'rs. & Traders'	112
State of New-York	107	Central National	112
Commerce	113½	Fourth National	103
American Exchange	114	Ninth National	110

And the following for the Railway mortgages:

N. Y. Cen. 6s, 1883	93	Chi. & N. W. 6's R.	87
N. Y. Cen. 6s, 1887	91	Chi. & R. I.	87
N. Y. Cen. 6s, R. Est.	91	Del. L. & W. In.	93
N. Y. Cen. 6s, Sub'n	91	Tol. & Wab. 1st M.	87
N. Y. Cen. 7s, '76	101½	Tol. & W. 2d In.	77
N. Y. Cen. 7s, con. '76	103¼	Tol. & Wab.	66
Erie 1st mort.	75½	Ft. Wa. con. 1st M.	82
Erie 2d mort., 1859	85	Ft. Wa. & Chi. 1st M.	85

Mr. ALBERT H. NICOLAY will hold his regular semi-weekly auction sale of Stocks and Bonds this day, (Monday,) March 4, at 12:30 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway.

Earnings of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway Company, for fourth week in February, 1867, $161,528 38; 1866, $111,449 20; increase, $50,079 18. For the month of February, 1867, $586,743 20; 1866, $458,695 23; increase, $133,-047 97.

The Dubuque City Debt.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Your financial article recently published relative to the "young City of Dubuque," and the communication of "M." upon the same subject, are calculated to convey an erroneous impression, and I take occasion to state the facts.

Like other Western cities Dubuque, in the "high pressure" times of 1856, issued her bonds to various railroads to the aggregate amount of about a million dollars. The stock in said roads received by said city in payment for said bonds proved worthless, and the floating debt, together with the crash of 1857, made is impossible for Dubuque to meet either principal or interest of her liabilities. The suit of Gilpeke vs. City of Dubuque was brought on about a quarter of a million dollars of these bonds. The Supreme Court, as you state, affirmed judgment for GILPEKE, who thereupon, after looking the matter over for over a year, compromised his judgment at 20 cents on the dollar, cash, which is the current rate paid by the city, or, if preferred by creditors, she gives 25 cents on dollar, payable in new bonds, amply secured by pledge of the old bonds, &c., bearing interest at 80 per cent.

The law allowed an assessment of but 1 per cent. to cover *all* city taxes, and GILPEKE, after having obtained his judgment, found he could collect it only by economizing the expenditures, and, by saving a portion of the one per cent. assessment, gradually wipe ano his large debt.

The city has, in view of all the facts connected with the issue of these bonds, made a fair proposition, and taking her ability into consideration, acted liberally, while her citizens have also put their shoulders to the wheel and aided very materially in putting the finances of the city in an improved condition. About half a million of the old bonds have already been adjusted, and those outstanding are being gradually retired.

GILPCKE was the first creditor to accept the terms of compromise. J. K. G.

BANKING AND FINANCIAL.

☞ FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS OF THE CENTRAL PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY.

Interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum in Gold, payable in the City of New-York. For full particulars apply to FISK & HATCH,

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Will receive SEVEN-THIRTY notes of all the series in exchange for the NEW 5-20 CONSOLIDATED BONDS, at the best market rates, which holders of seven-thirties will find to their advantage.

NINTH NATIONAL BANK, No. 263 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, March 2, 1867.

☞ THIS BANK IS PREPARED TO EXCHANGE 7 3.10 notes for 5-20 bonds, new issue, on the most favorable terms. JOHN T. HILL, Cashier.

GENERAL MARKETS.

NEW-YORK, Saturday, March 2, 1867.

The receipts of the principal kinds of produce since our last have been 4 bbls. Ashes, 4,943 bbls. Flour, 300 bbls. and 2,071 bags Corn Meal, 2,820 bushels Corn, 1,540 bushels Oats, 72 bbls. Pork, 1,175 pkgs. Cut Meats, 803 pkgs. Lard, 601 pkgs. Beef, and 828 bbls. Whisky.

ASHES—Are in request and very firm, at $8 25@$8 50 for Pots, and $11 50@$12 50 for Pearls, ℔ 100 lbs.

COFFEE—Continues quiet, but steady, including Java at 24¾c.@25c.; Native Ceylon, 19c.@20c.; Maracaibo, 17½c.@18¾c.; Laguayra, 17¾c.@18½c.; Rio, 15¾c.@19c.; St. Domingo, 16c.@16¾c., in gold, ℔ lb. Stock, 54,583 bags and 13,669 mats.

COTTON—Has been in moderate demand at uniform rates. Middlings, 33c.@33¾c., chiefly within our range, ℔ lb. Sales and resales since our last, 2,250 bales, against receipts of 973 bales.

Movements in Cotton at this Port.

	Bales.
Receipts thus far this week	24,607
Receipts last week	22,401
Receipts preceding week	25,343
Receipts since Jan. 1, 1867	179,202
Receipts since Sept. 1, 1866	405,947
Receipts year ending Jan. 1, 1867	667,394
Receipts year ending Sept. 1, 1866	611,630
Export clearances since Tuesday	9,671
Exports since Jan. 1	91,574
Exports since Sept. 1, 1866	211,469
Exports year ending Dec. 31, 1866	381,094
Exports year ending Sept. 1, 1866	495,309
Estimated stock on hand here	205,000

Movements in Cotton at all the Shipping Ports.

Receipts at all the shipping ports of the United States from the close of the war, May 1, 1865, to Sept. 1, 1866	2,571,040
Receipts at all the ports from Sept. 1, 1866, to latest mail dates	1,926,500
Exports from all the ports since Sept. 1, 1866	673,665
Estimated stock on hand at all the ports at latest mail dates	630,000

FLOUR AND MEAL—State and Western Flour has been dull to-day, and quoted down 5c.@15c. ℔ bbl., chiefly in the instance of low grades. Sales since our last have been 5,100 bbls., including poor to choice Superfine State and Western at $8 50@$9 75; common to good Extra State at $9; 75@$10 75; good to choice do. do. at $10 50@$11 50; round-hoop Extra Ohio, poor to good shipping brands, at $10 50@$11 60 ℔ bbl. We now quote:

Superfine State and Western	$8 50	@ 9 75
Extra State	9 75	@11 50
Extra Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, &c.	9 50	@13 75
Extra Ohio, round-hoop, shipp'g brands	10 50	@11 60
Extra Ohio, trade and family brands	11 60	@14 25
Extra Genesee	11 50	@14 25
Common to choice extra Missouri	11 90	@16 00

Southern Flour is unchanged and declining. Sales since our last 475 bbls., at $10 15@$11 90 for ordinary to fair extra, and $11 95@$16 50 for fair to choice extra do. ℔ bbl. Canadian Flour is quiet at $11 70@$14 75 for extra, ℔ bbl.; sales 280 bbls. Rye Flour is in moderate demand at from $7@$8 ℔ bbl.; sales 230 bbls. Corn Meal is less active at $5@$5 25 for Western and Pennsylvania; $4 10@$5 15 for Jersey; $5 25 for Marsh's Caloric, and $5 50 for Brandywine, ℔ bbl. Sales 400 bbls. Buckwheat Flour continues inactive at $2 50@$3, chiefly within range, ℔ 100 lbs. Of California Flour sales were reported of 940 sacks, at $13@$14 75 ℔ bbl. of 196 lbs.

GRAIN—Wheat has been inactive at about former prices. Sales have been reported, since our last, of only 16,500 bushels No. 3 and No. 2 Chicago Spring at $2 10@$2 25 ℔ bushel. Corn has been lower and irregular under a pressure to realize. The demand improved toward the close, and prices left off in favor of holders. Sales since our last 85,000 bushels at $1 06@$1 07, chiefly at $1 06@$1 07, for mixed Western in store; $1 08½@$1 09 for mixed Western afloat; $1 04@1 09 for new Yellow and White Jersey and Southern, ℔ bushel. Oats are less active, and, at the close, heavy. We quote: Canada, in bond, 58c.; Chicago, Milwaukee and Michigan at 58c.@63c.; choice Ohio at 63c.@65c., and State at 60c.@70c., ℔ bushel; sales 43,000 bushels. Barley has been quite active, but stiffly held. Sales since our last 23,000 bushels, on private terms for Canada West, free; 82c. for Western, 92c. for poor two rowed to $1 18 for fancy four rowed State, ℔ bushel. Barley Malt continues inactive at 1 20@$1 30 ℔ bushel. Rye is in very moderate request; sales 1,800 bushels, at $1 12@$1 18 for Western, $1 25@$1 28 for Canada, free; and $1 30@$1 32 for State ℔ bushel.

HIDES—The week's receipts have been 70,090 hides; sales 29,400 hides, the latter including 12,100 dry Buenos Ayres, 22@23 lbs., part 19½c., gold, usual selection; 900 dry Buenos Ayres, 20 lbs., 21c., gold, usual selection; 1,000 dry Montevideo, 21@22 lbs., 18½c., gold, usual selection; 4,000 dry Entrerios, 21½ lbs., private terms; 1,500 dry Rio Grande, 21@21½ lbs., private terms; 1,000 Orinoco, 20 lbs., private terms; 550 dry California, 23 lbs., 26c., currency, usual selection; 600 dry Central American, 21 lbs., private terms; 600 dry Matamoras, 26 lbs., private terms; 1,300 dry Caracoas, 23 lbs., 21c., currency, as they run; 900 wet salted Para, to arrive, 45@50 lbs., 10½c., gold, usual selection; 600 wet salted Texas, 76 lbs., private terms; 2,700 City Slaughters, Steers, 75@85 lbs., private terms; 750 City Slaughter, Cows, 55@60 lbs., 10½@11c., currency. The stock on hand of Ox and Cow Hides is 128,800 (same time last year 324,700—year before, 236,000,) and 208 bales, as follows: 85,000 dry Buenos Ayres and Montevideo, (hides and kips,) 15,800 dry Orinoco, 12,500 dry California, 3,000 dry Central American, 4,000 dry and dry salted Matamoras, 6,000 dry Texas and Southern, 1,000 dry Singapore Buffs, 1,500 wet salted Buenos Ayres, 200 bales Calcutta Cow and Buffalo.

LEATHER—The demand has been active for hemlock-tanned sole, and for oak-tanned, and, with receipts for the week of 40,000 Sides, prices rule firm, as follows: Oak Slaughter and Salted Sole, good Light, at 34c.@38c.; Oak Slaughter and Salted, good Middle, 38c.@42c.; Oak Slaughter and Salted, good Heavy, 40@45c.; Oak Slaughter, light Cropped good, 44c.@47c.; Oak Slaughter, middle Cropped, good, 47c.@50c.: Oak Slaughter, Bellies Cropped, good, 18c.@21c.; Hemlock, Buenos Ayres, &c., good Light, 28c.@29c.; Hemlock, Buenos Ayres, &c., good Middle, 30c.@31c.; Hemlock, Buenos Ayres, &c., good Heavy, 30c.@31c.; Hemlock, California, good Light, 27c.@29c.; Hemlock, California, good Middle, 28c.@29c.; Hemlock, California, good Heavy, 30c.@31c.; Hemlock, Orinoco, &c., good Light, 24c.@25c.; Hemlock, Orinoco and Buenos Ayres Damaged, all weights, 24c.@25c.; Hemlock, Orinoco and Buenos Ayres Jobs, all weights, 19c.@23c.; Hemlock Slaughter, in rough, 24c.@26c.; Oak Slaughter, in rough, heavy, 40c.@45c.; Oak Slaughter, in rough, light, 44c.@48c.; Oak Bellies, in rough, heavy, 20c.@23c.; Oak Slaughter, in rough, light, 23c.@26c. ℔ lb.

MOLASSES—Dull but steady; stock, 1,450 bbls.

PROVISIONS—Pork has been less freely offered and has been quoted decidedly firmer, but business has been restricted. Sales have been reported since our last of 2,750 bbls., in lots, at $21@$21 50 for new City and Western Mess, closing at $21 43¾ for new Western Mess; $20@$20 50 cash, and regular way, for one-year-old City and Western Mess; $16 75@$17 25 for Prime; $19 50@$20 25 for Prime Mess, ℔ bbl. Sales were also reported of 1,850 bbls. new Mess, for forward delivery, including sellers' and buyers' option, March and April, at $21 30@$21 62½ ℔ bbl. Cut Meats have been in quiet active request and buoyant in prices, at 8¾c.@10¾c. for Shoulders, and 11¾c.@13¾c. for Hams, ℔ lb. Sales 1,100 pkgs. Bacon in moderate demand; sales 400 boxes part at 11½c.@11¾c. for Short Rib; 13c. for Short Clear; 10¾c.@10¾c. for Cumberland Cut, ℔ lb. Lard is heavy and drooping; sales since our last 840 tcs. and bbls., in lots, at 12c.@12¾c. for inferior to prime old, and 12¾c.@13¾c. for new, ℔ lb. Small lots of very choice new bring a shade higher prices. Dressed Hogs are scarce and nominal at 9¾c.@10¼c., for inferior to prime Western, and 10¾c.@11c. for City ℔ lb. Beef is in good request at $12@$18 for Plain Mess and $17@$21 for Extra do.; sales have reported of 900 bbls. Tierce Beef is in limited demand at from $33 50@$36 25 for India Mess, and $30@$33 for Prime Mess ℔ tierce. Beef Hams continue in request, at $32@$36 50 ℔ bbl.; sales 185 bbls., part to arrive. Butter continues inactive at 27c.@40c. for State, and 40c.@43c. for Fancy do., and 15c.@35c. for poor to prime Western, ℔ lb. Cheese is in limited request at 10c.@21c., ℔ lb.

SKINS—Are in moderate demand, including Deer, as follows: Honduras, 57½c.@58c.; San Juan, 55c.; Bolivar, 42½c.; Sisal, 57½c.; Vera Cruz, 57½c.; Chagres, 55c.@57½c.; Puerto Cabello, 47½c. Para, 62½c. in gold, ℔ lb. And Goat thus: Buenos Ayres, 35c.; Payta, 34c., in gold; Curacoa, 55c.@57c., currency; Cape, 37½c.@40c., currency; Madras, 50c.@52½c. each.

SUGARS—Have been in request and steady. Sales since our last 750 hhds. Cuba, &c., at from 10½c.@12¾c., and 650 boxes Havana at from 9¾c.@13c. ℔ lb. Refined Sugars have been in good demand, at from 13¼c.@15½c. ℔ lb. Messrs. STUART quote their crushed and ground Sugar at 15¾c.; white A at 14¾c., and refined C at 14c. ℔ lb. Stock of Sugars to-day 17,865 hhds. 118,420 bags and 30,290 boxes.

STEARINE—Sales 47,000 lbs. at 11¾c.@12¾c. ℔ lb.

TALLOW—Sales 108,000 lbs. at 11¼c.@11½c.; also 64,000 lbs. Grease at 9c.@11c. ℔ lb.

FREIGHTS—For Liverpool there were taken 250 bales Cotton at ¾d. ℔ lb.; also, by steamer, 52,000 bushels Corn at 6½d. ℔ bushel, and 30 tons Oil at 40s. ℔ ton. For Cork and orders, a brig with 2,000 bbls. Petroleum at 5s. 6d. ℔ bbl. For Mediterranean ports two vessels with Petroleum, from this City and Philadelphia, on private terms.

Markets by Telegraph.

CHICAGO, Saturday, March 2.

The cental system was partially adopted on 'Change to-day in the purchase and sale of grain; but until the warehouses issue receipts on the cental plan, doing business will be somewhat mixed. Flour firm but inactive; sales 250 bbls at $9 75@$10 50 for Spring extras, and $13 50@$14 75 for White Winter extra. Wheat quiet and firm; No. 1 Spring at $3 62@$3 68 ℔ cental; $2 20@$2 21 ℔ bushel for Winter; $2 22½ for fresh receipts; No. 2 Spring: $1 87½@$1 88 for Winter; $1 89½@$1 90 ℔ bushel for fresh receipts No. 2. Corn firm, without decided change; sales at 77c.@77½c. ℔ bushel for No. 1, and $1 38½@$1 39 ℔ cental. Oats dull and quiet at 41c. for Winter, 42½c. for fresh receipts No. 2. Mess Pork advanced 12½c.; sales at $19 12½. Bulk Meats active: Dry Salted Shoulders, 7½c.; Loose Rough Sides, 9½c.; Loose Short Ribbed, 9¼c. Lard firm but quiet at 12c. Dressed Hogs quiet at $7 75@$8 50. Live Hogs advanced 5c.@10c. Receipts—4,000 bbls